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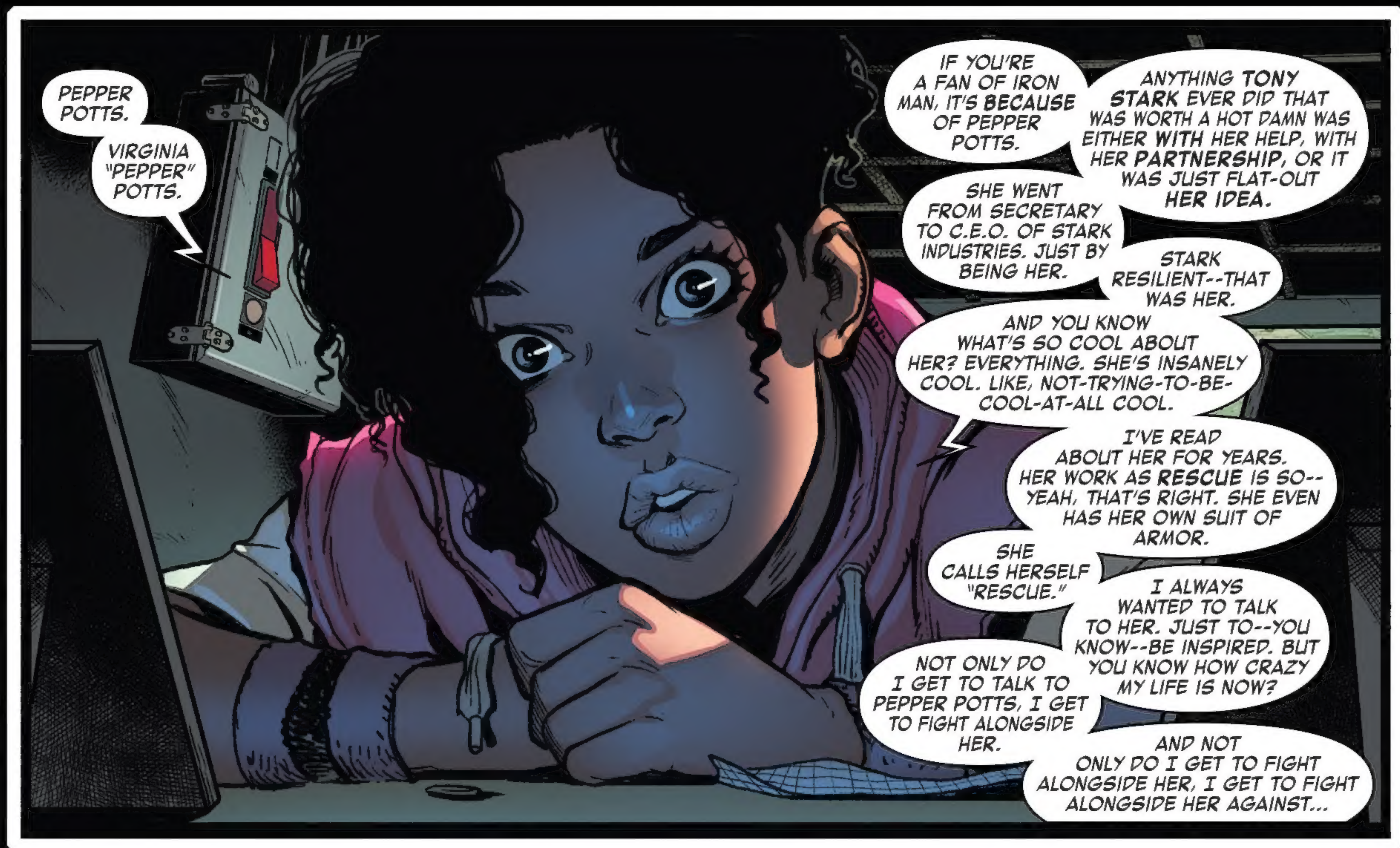
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NINJAS!
ARE YOU KIDDING
ME?

HONEST-
TO-GOD, REAL
NINJAS?

THIS IS
BAD.

OR, JUST
HEAR ME OUT,
IT MIGHT BE
AWESOME.

THEY JUST
TOOK THE ARMOR
RIGHT OFF OUR BACKS
AND MADE A GIANT
IRON-PERSON.

WHICH
SHOULD BE AN
IMPOSSIBILITY.

NO OFFENSE,
MISS POTTS, BUT
YOU'RE RUINING
THIS FOR ME.

I
TEND TO DO
THAT.

YOU'RE NOT
THE FIRST PERSON TO
POINT IT OUT.

DO WE
FIGHT?



WITH WHAT?

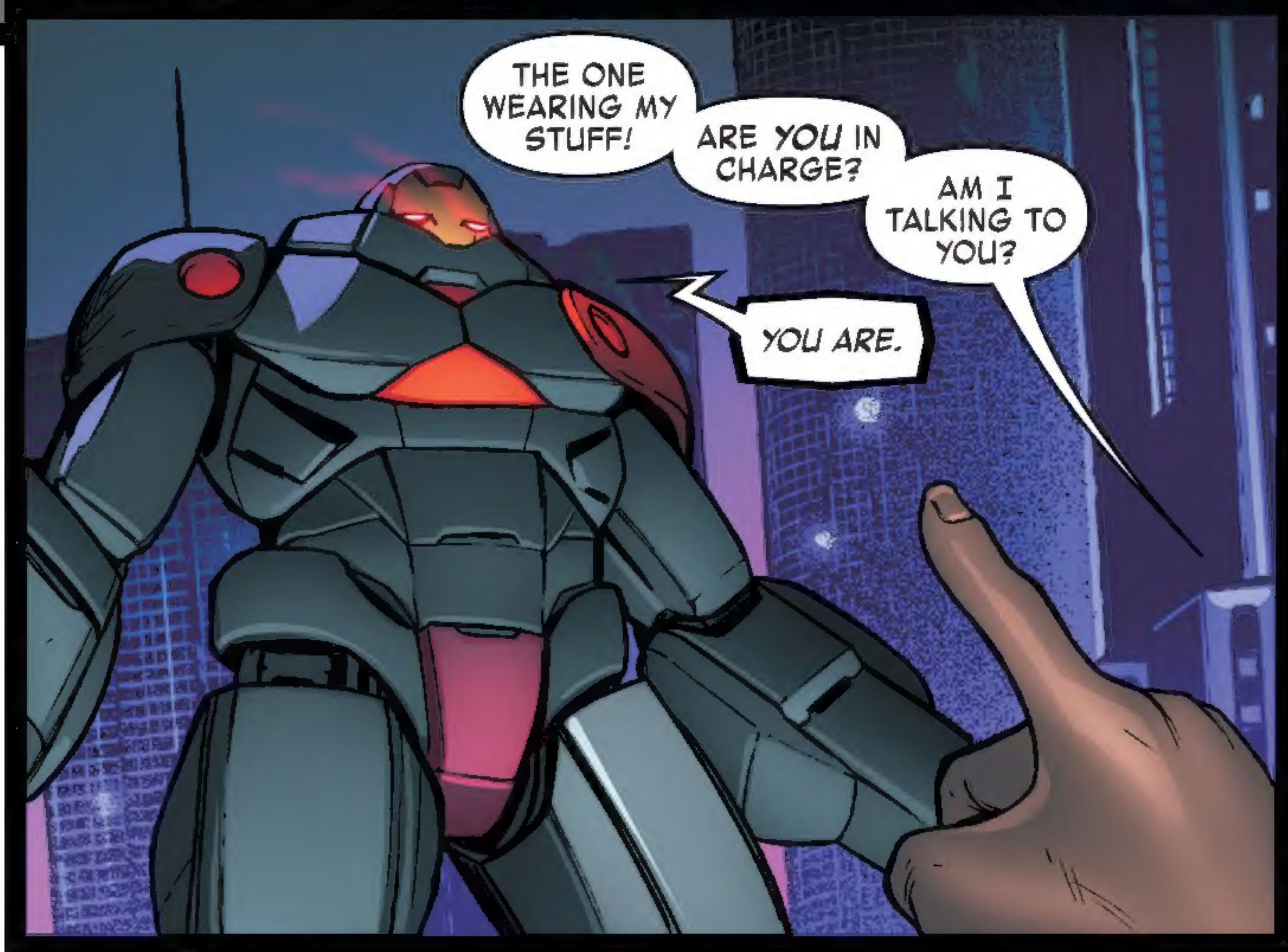
SEE, YOU JUST DID IT AGAIN.

DO YOU KNOW ANY OF THESE FINE FOLKS?

NO.

AT LEAST, I DON'T THINK SO, THEY'RE WEARING MASKS.

HEY, YOU!



THE ONE WEARING MY STUFF!

ARE YOU IN CHARGE?

AM I TALKING TO YOU?

YOU ARE.

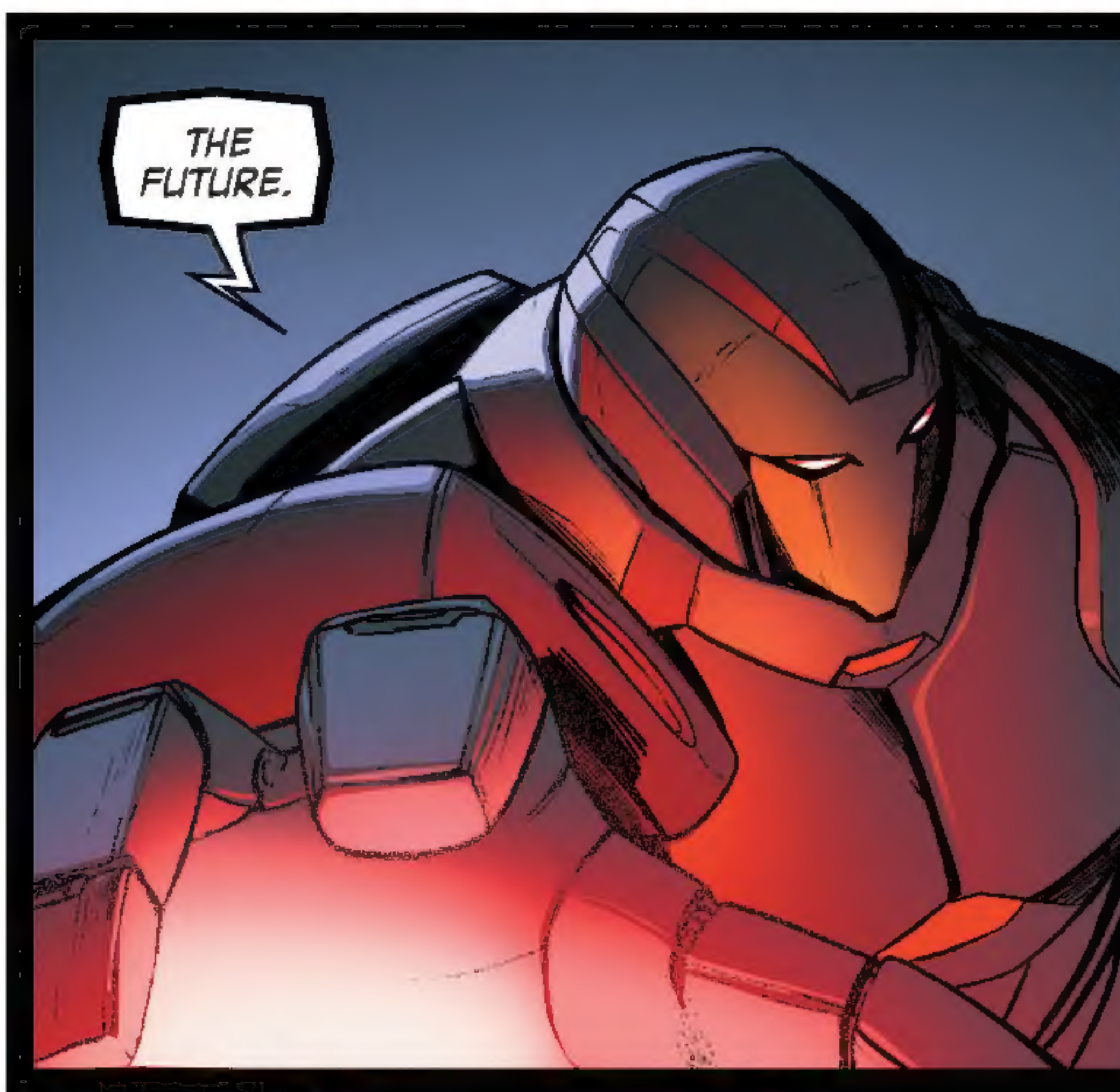


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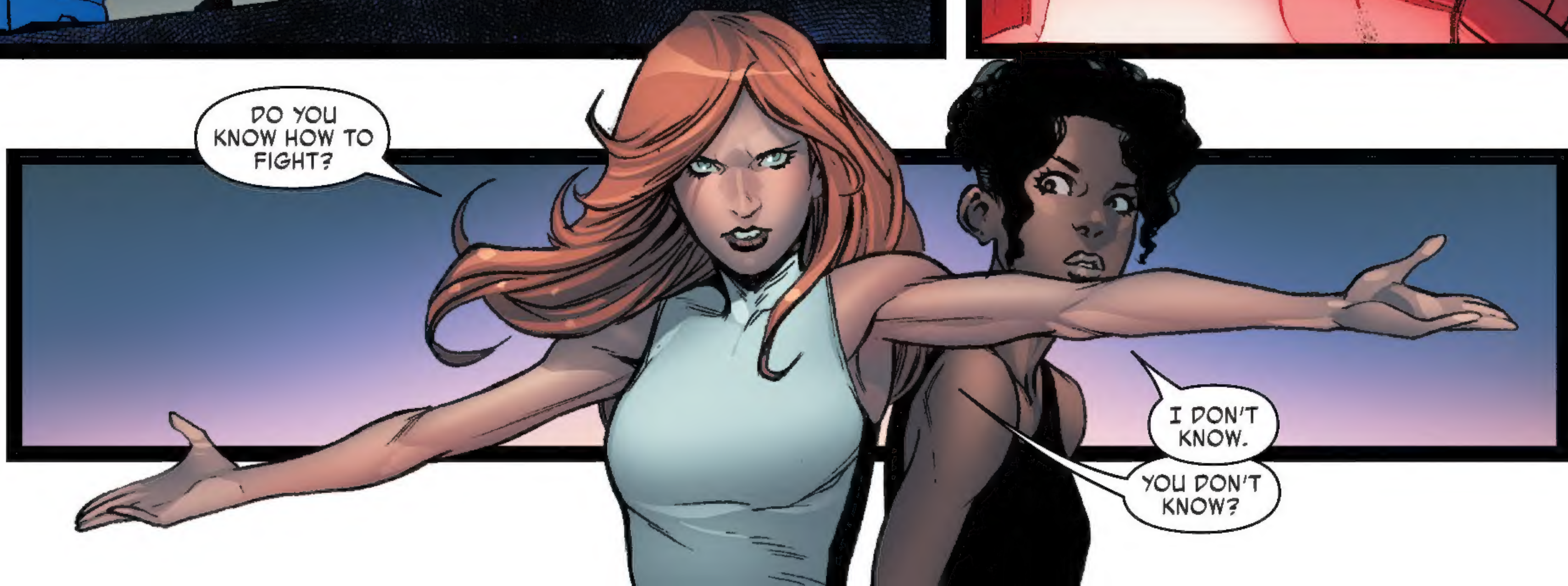
WE DO, MISS POTTS.



AND YOU ARE?



THE FUTURE.



DO YOU KNOW HOW TO FIGHT?

I DON'T KNOW.

YOU DON'T KNOW?



I HAVEN'T
BEEN IN THAT MANY
FIGHTS.

WELL,
THEN, YOU NEED
TO RUN.

I
CAN'T DO
THAT.

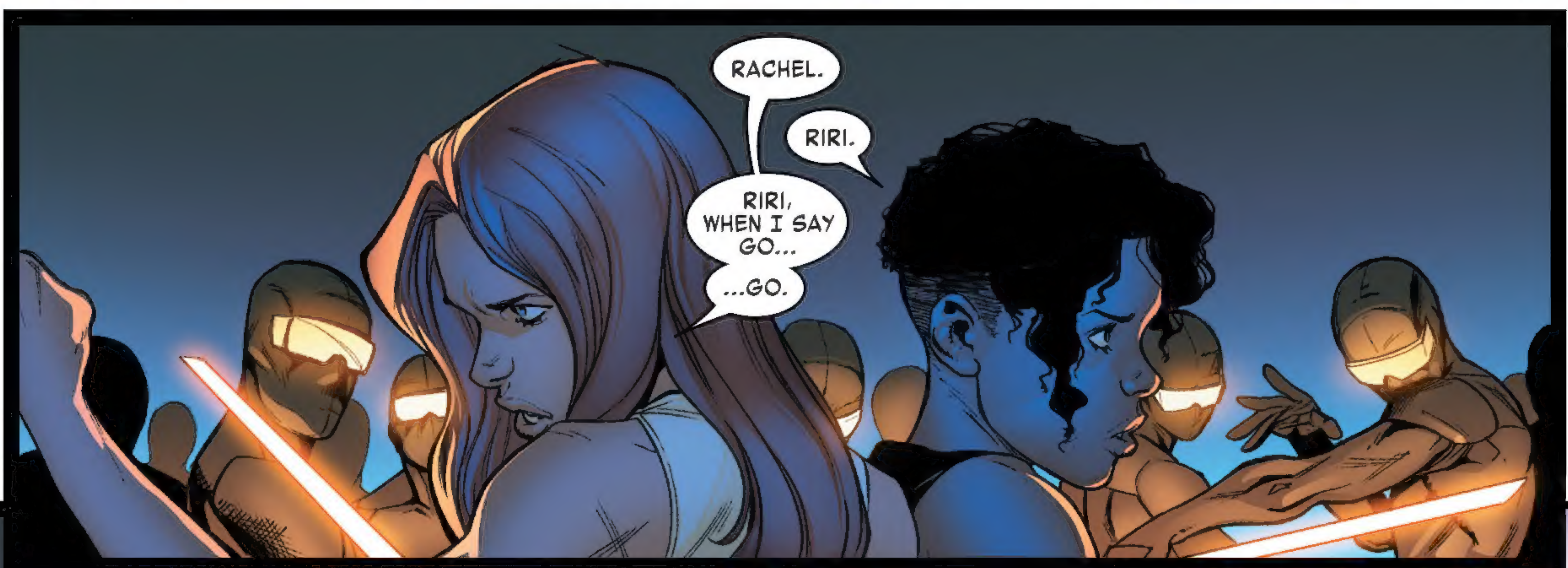
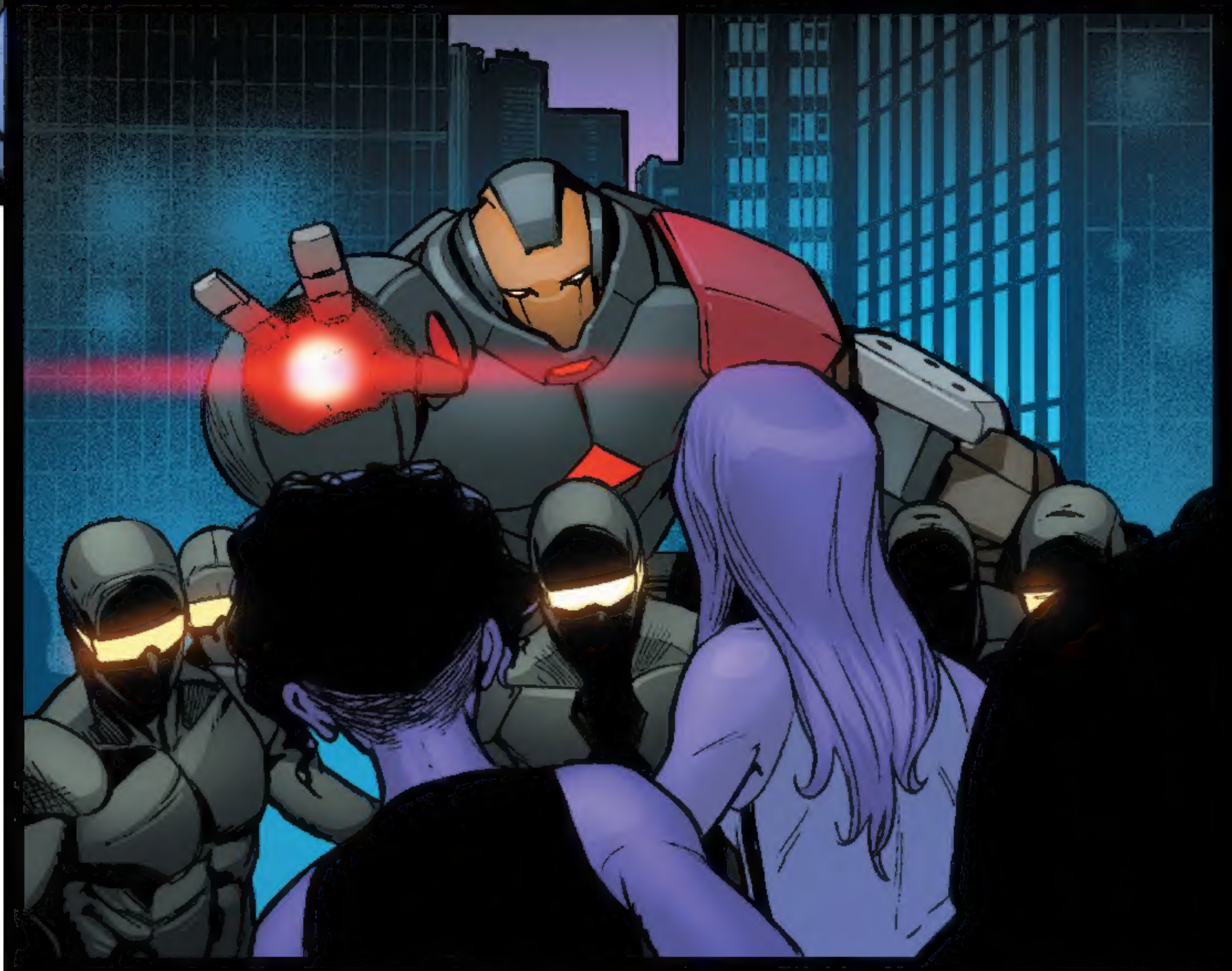


YOU
NEED TO
RUN.

ARE
YOU NINJA-
PROOF?

NO.

THEN I'M
NOT LEAVING
YOU.



RACHEL.

RIRI.

RIRI,
WHEN I SAY
GO...

...GO.

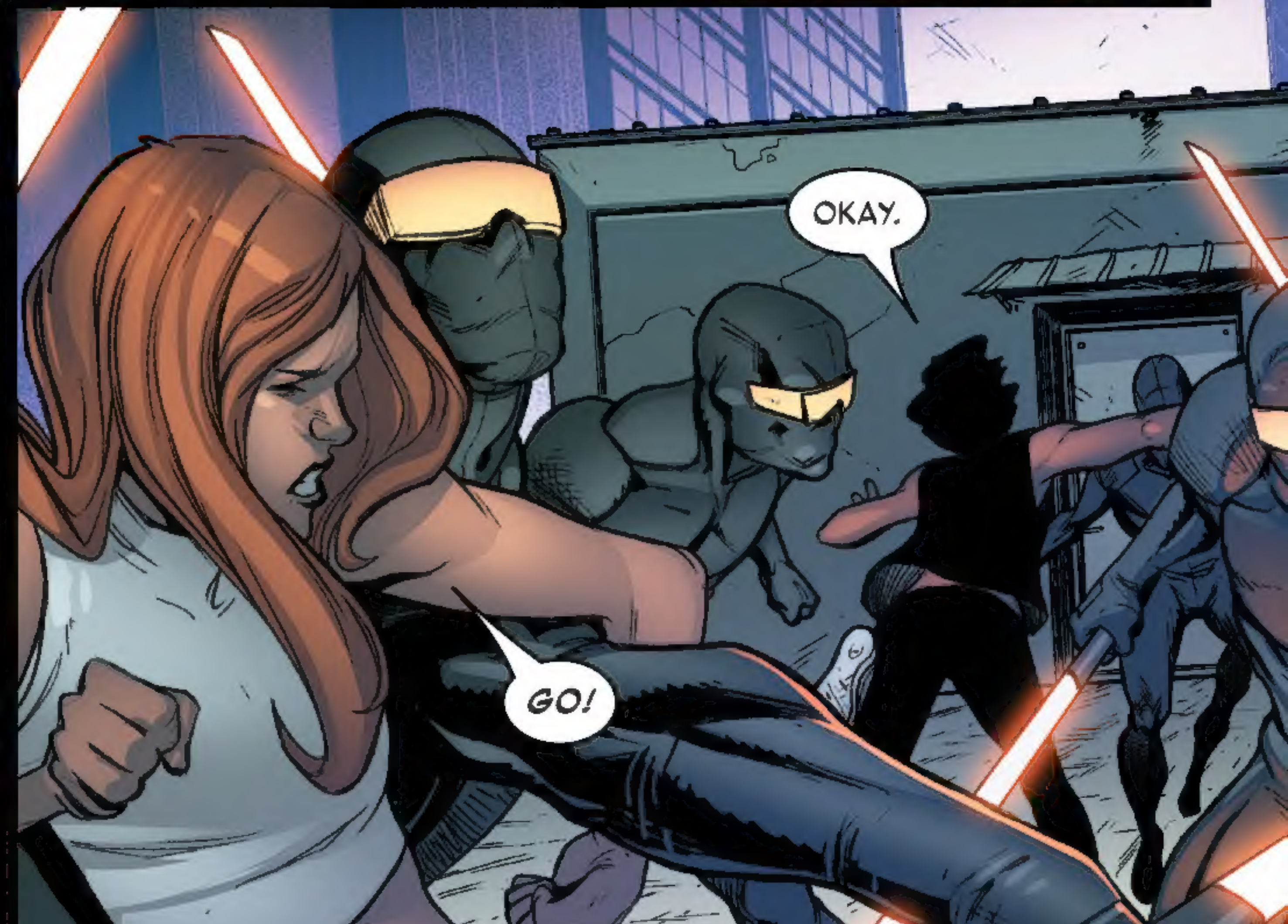


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WHAT?

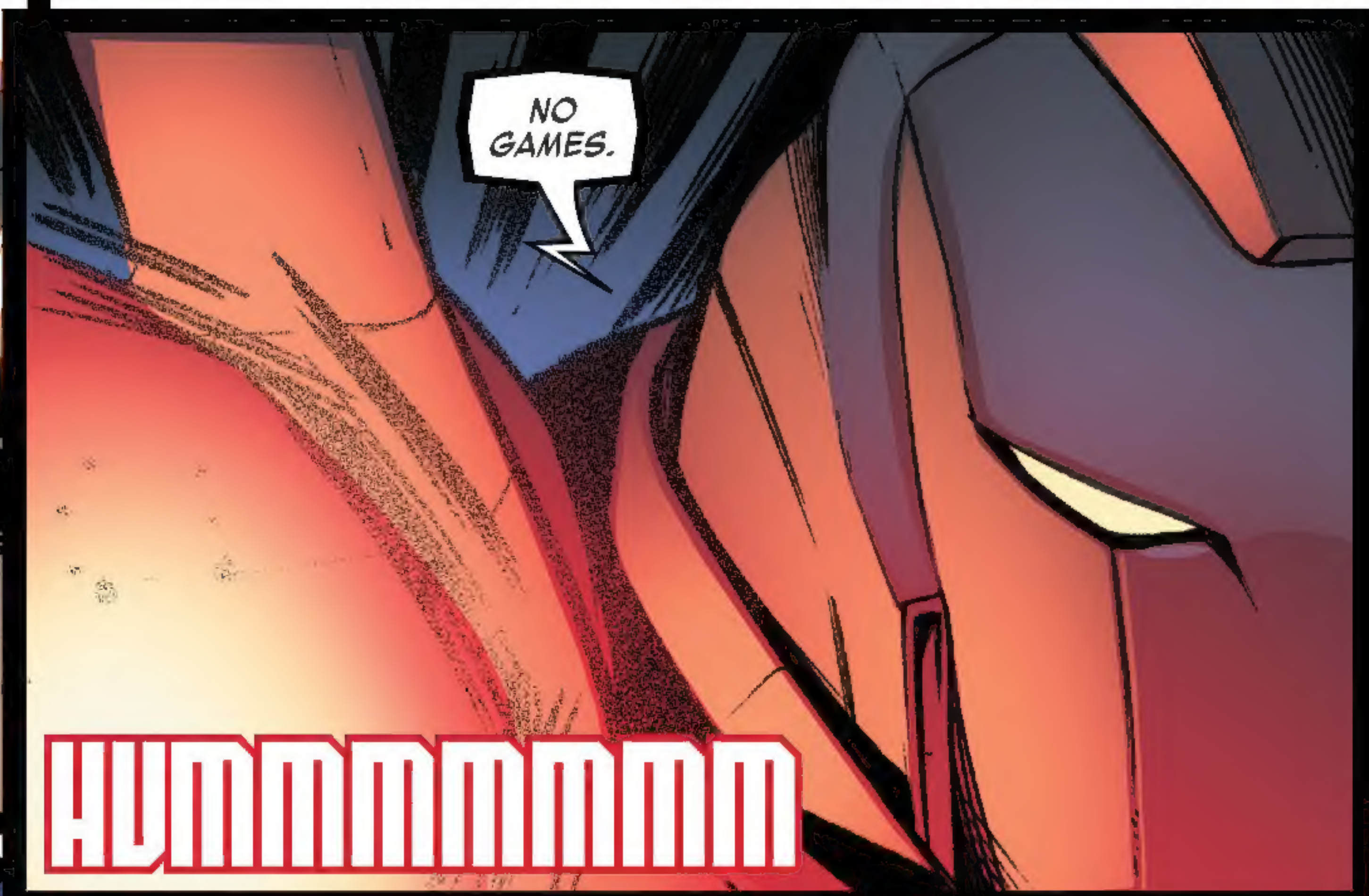
SHOULD I
JUST GO IF I SEE
AN OPENING?

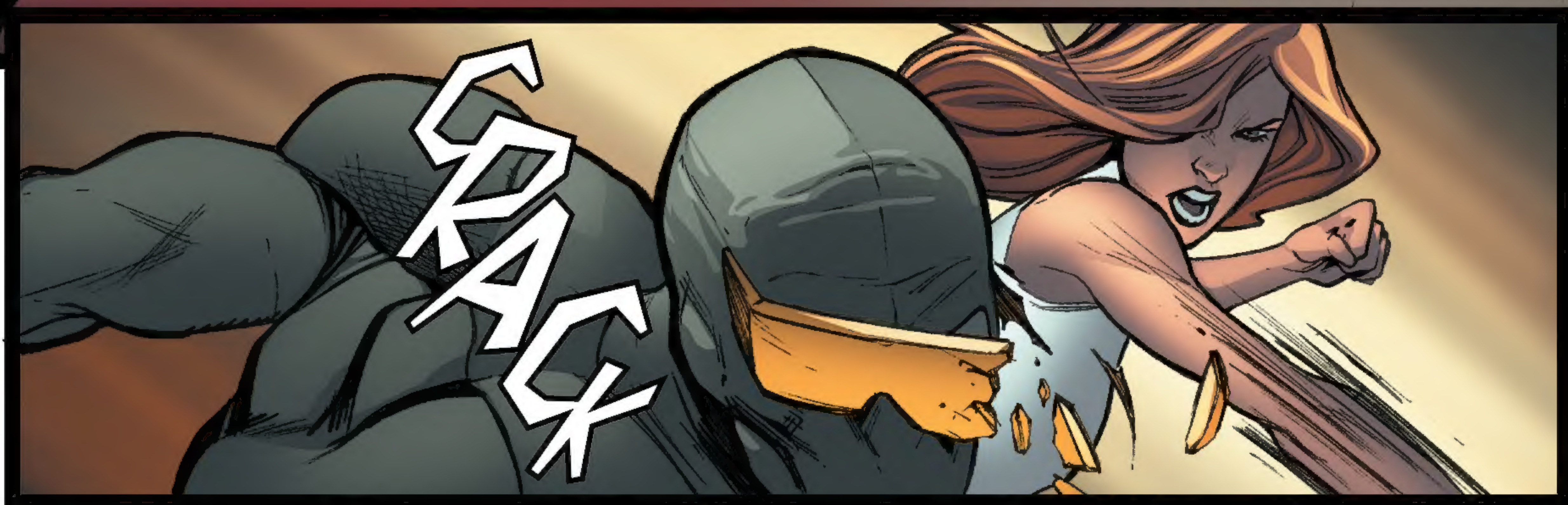
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SURE.

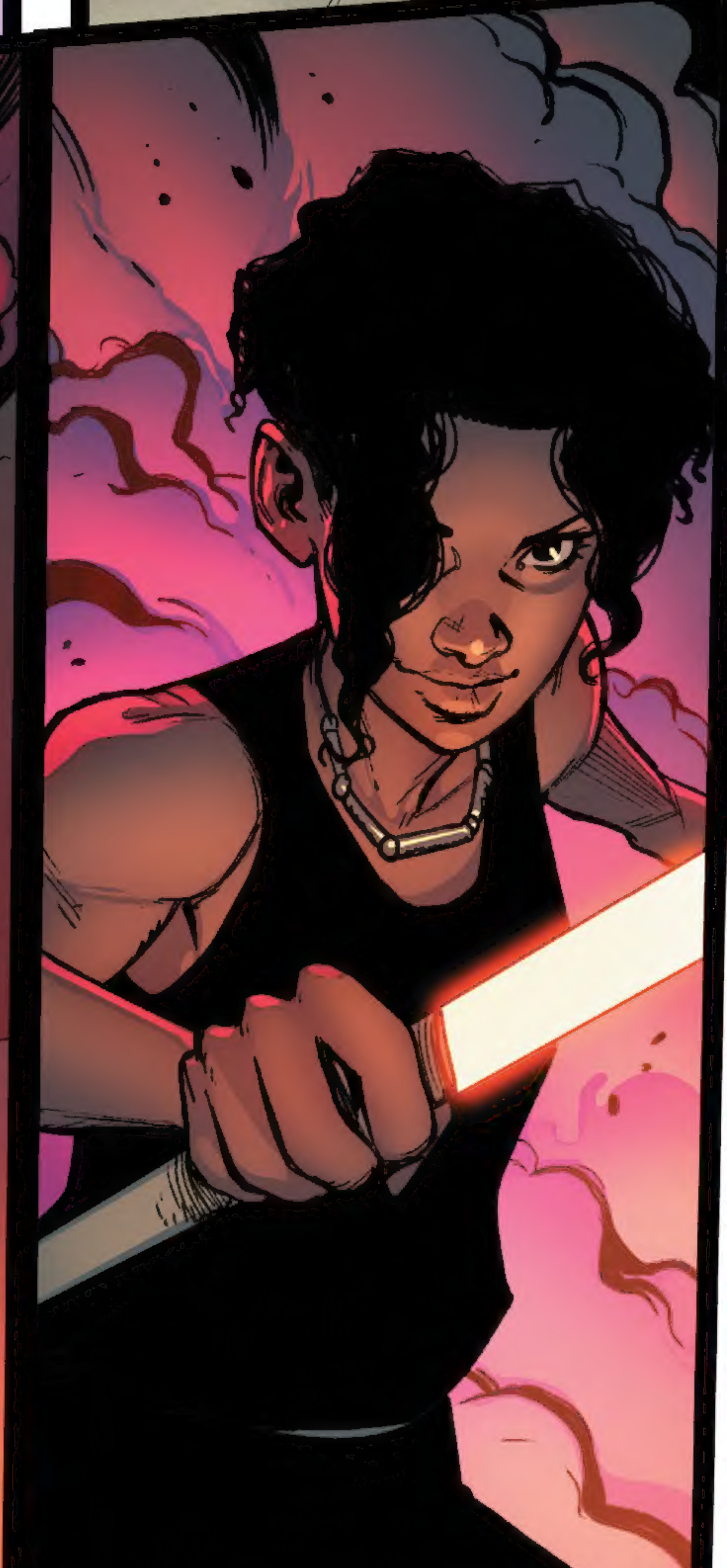
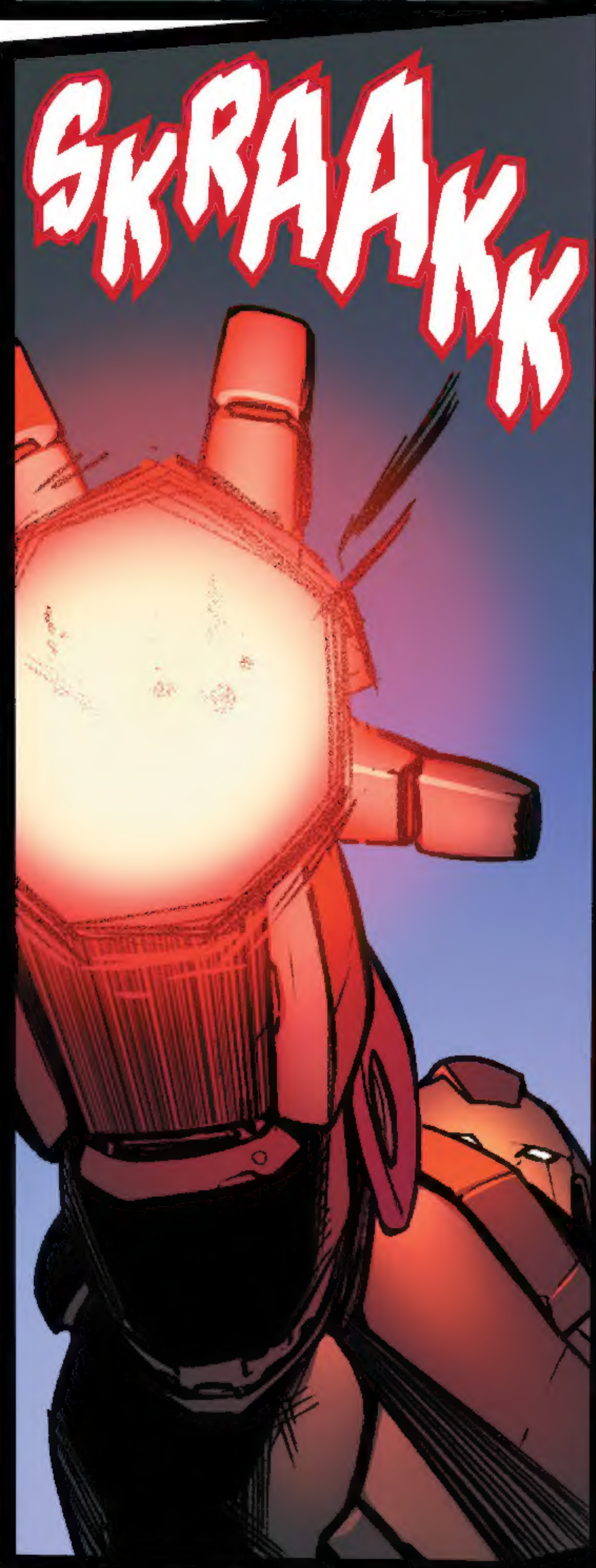
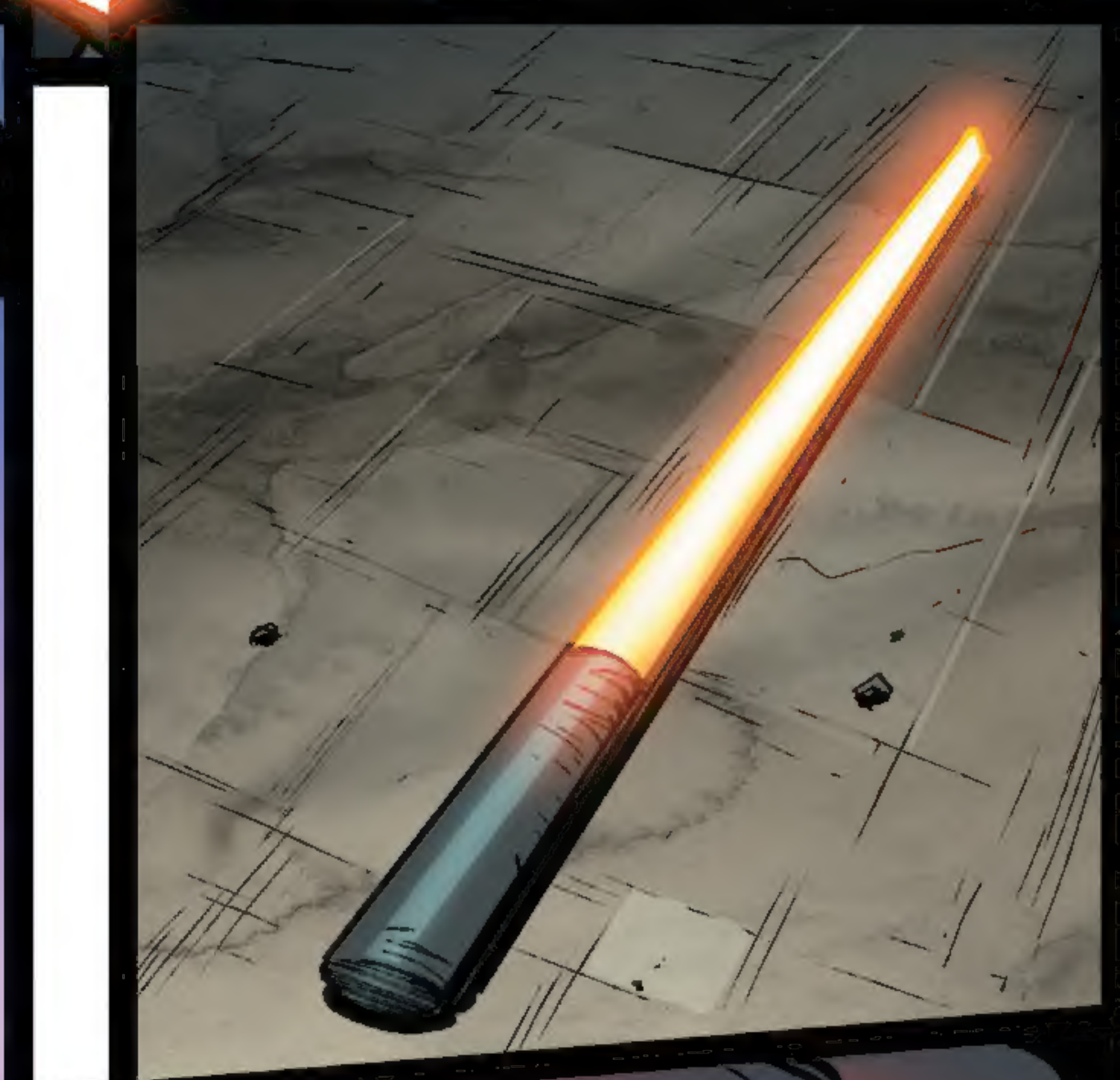
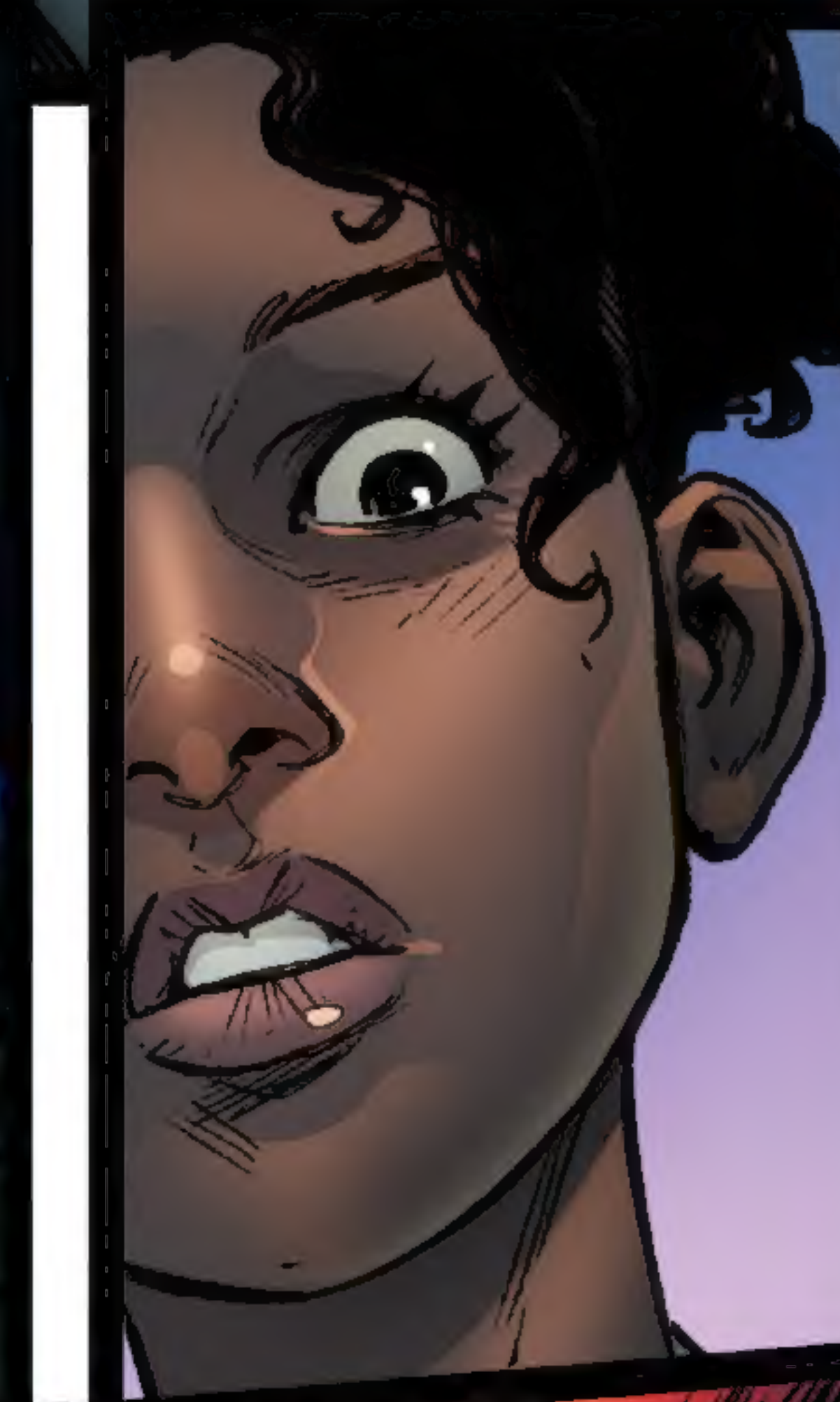
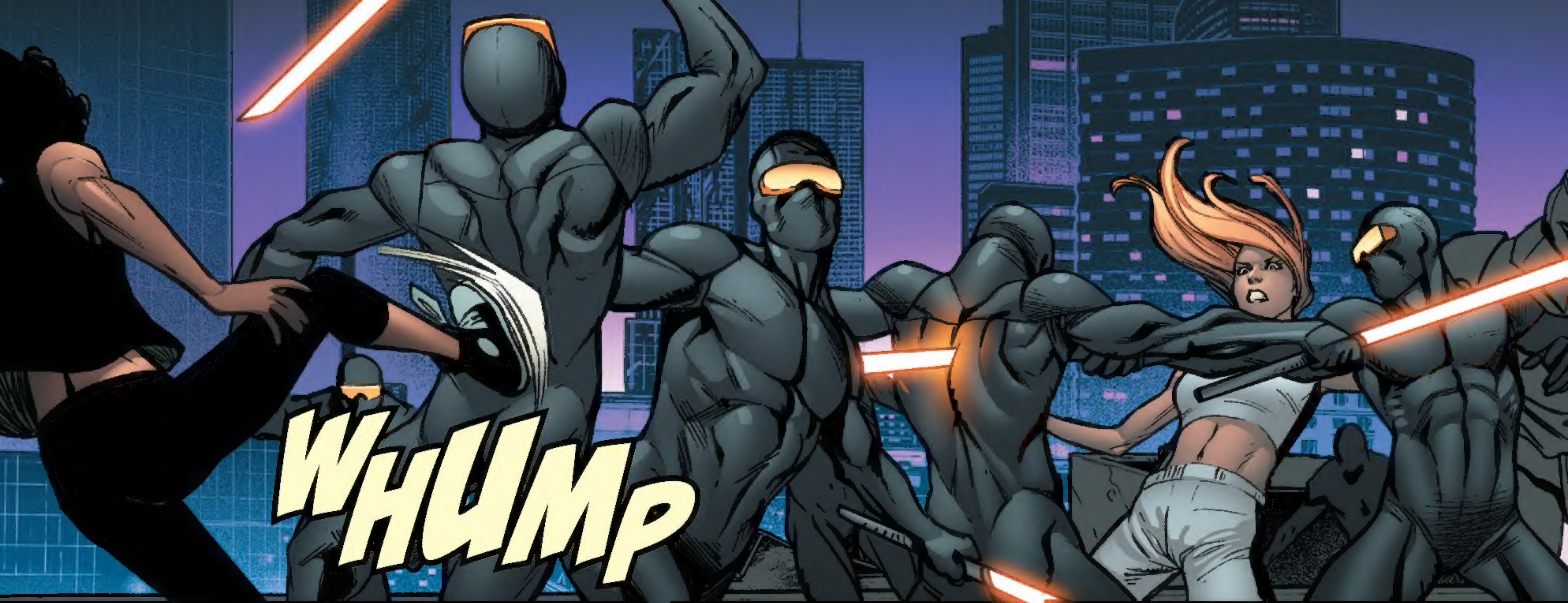


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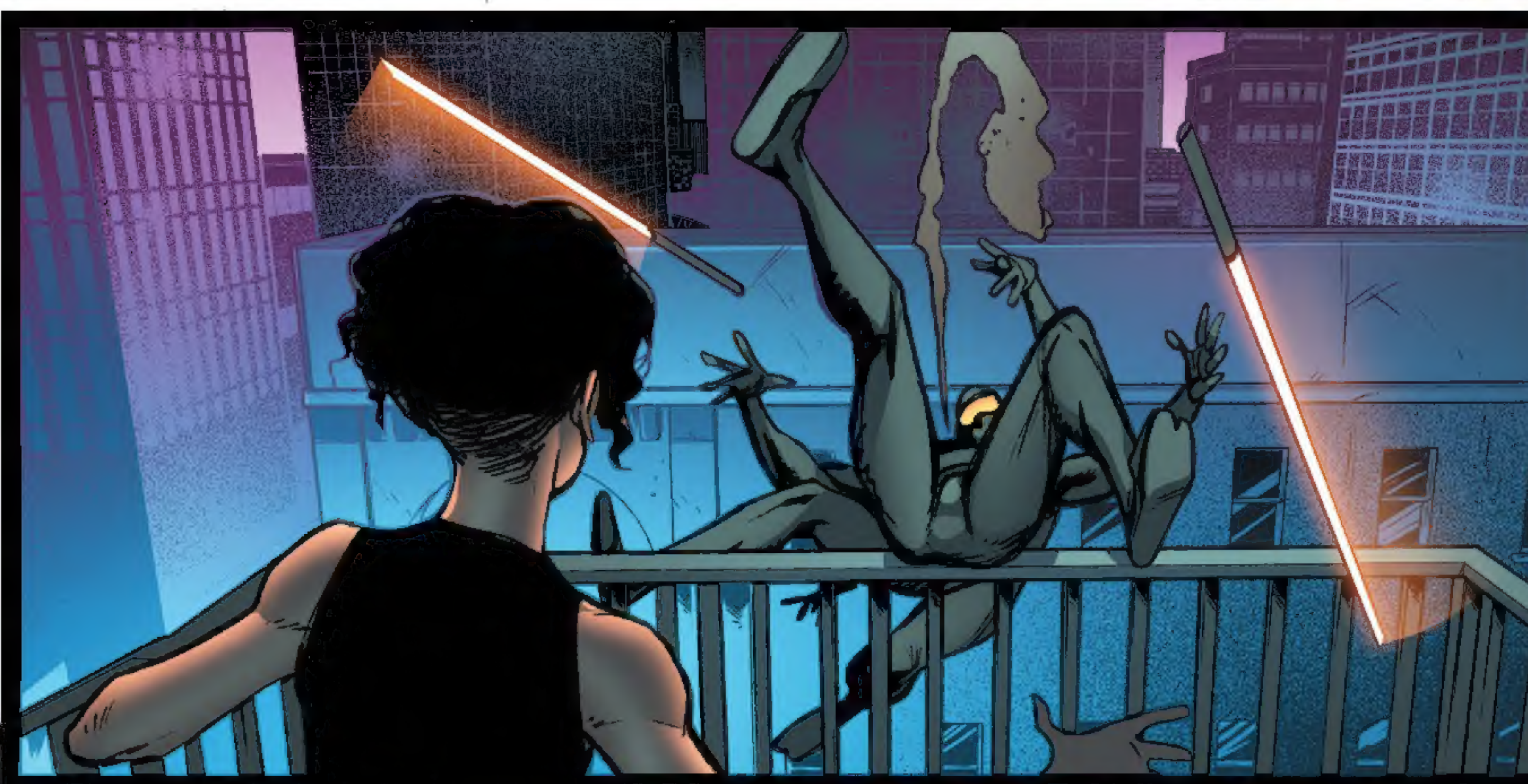
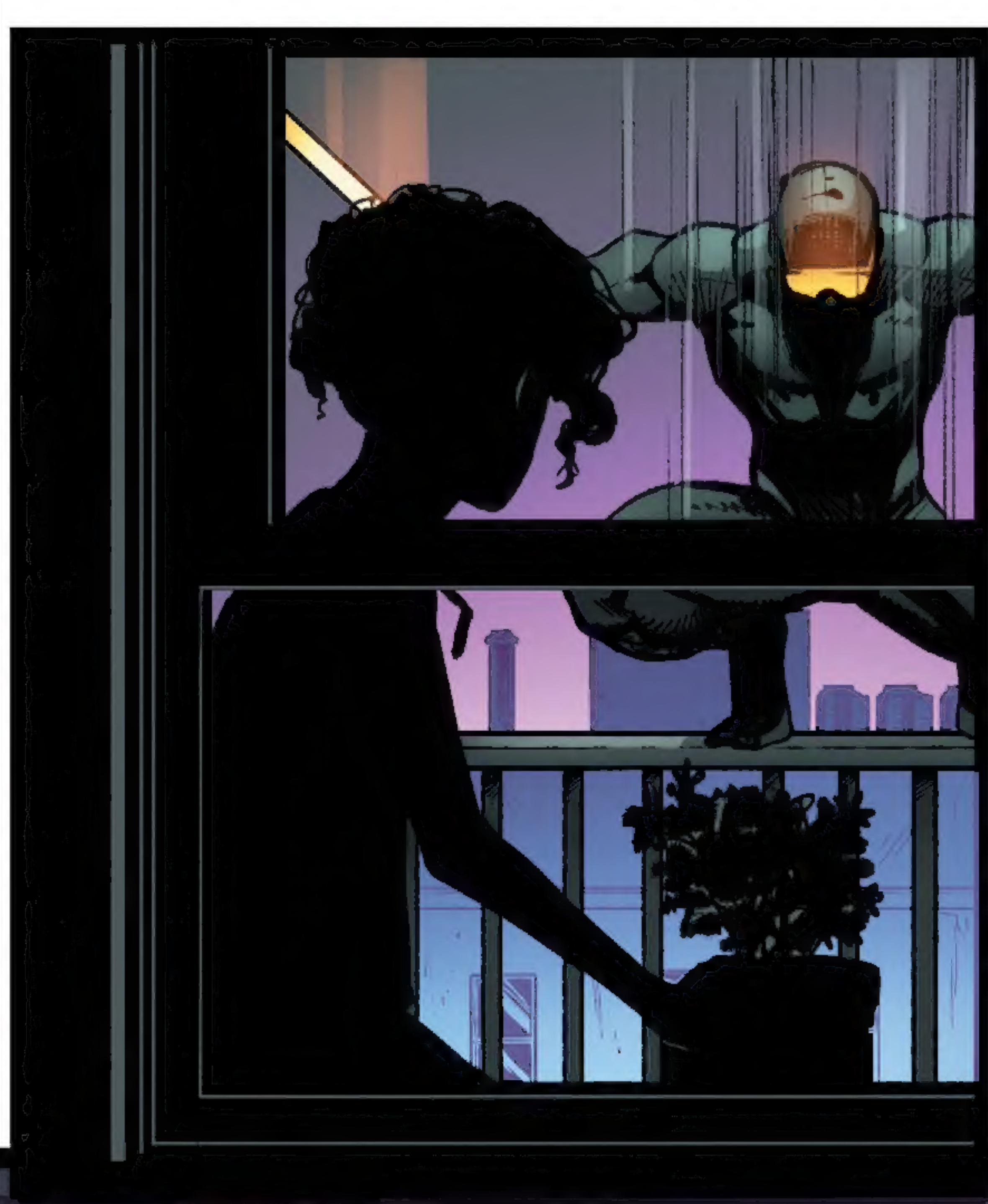
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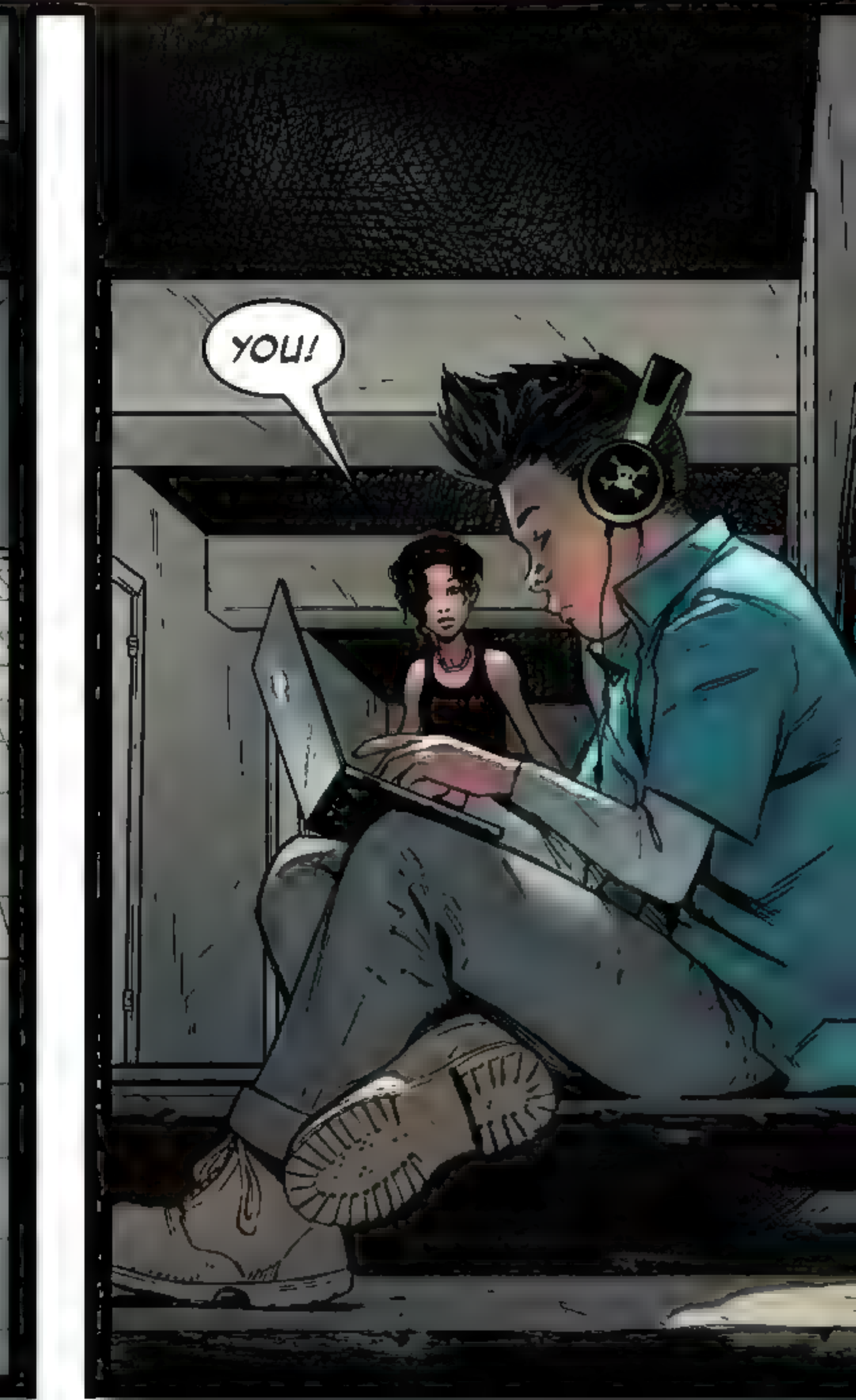
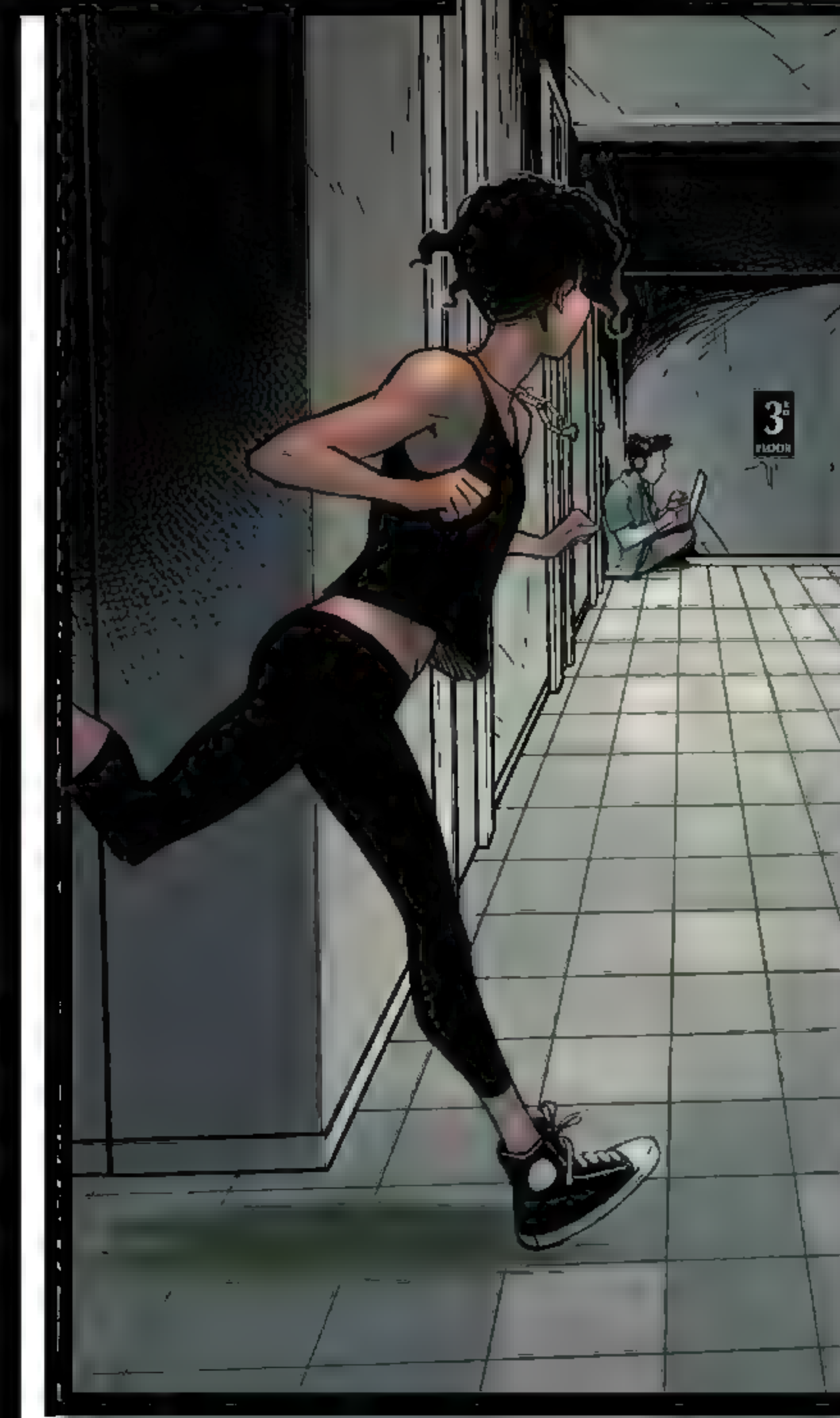
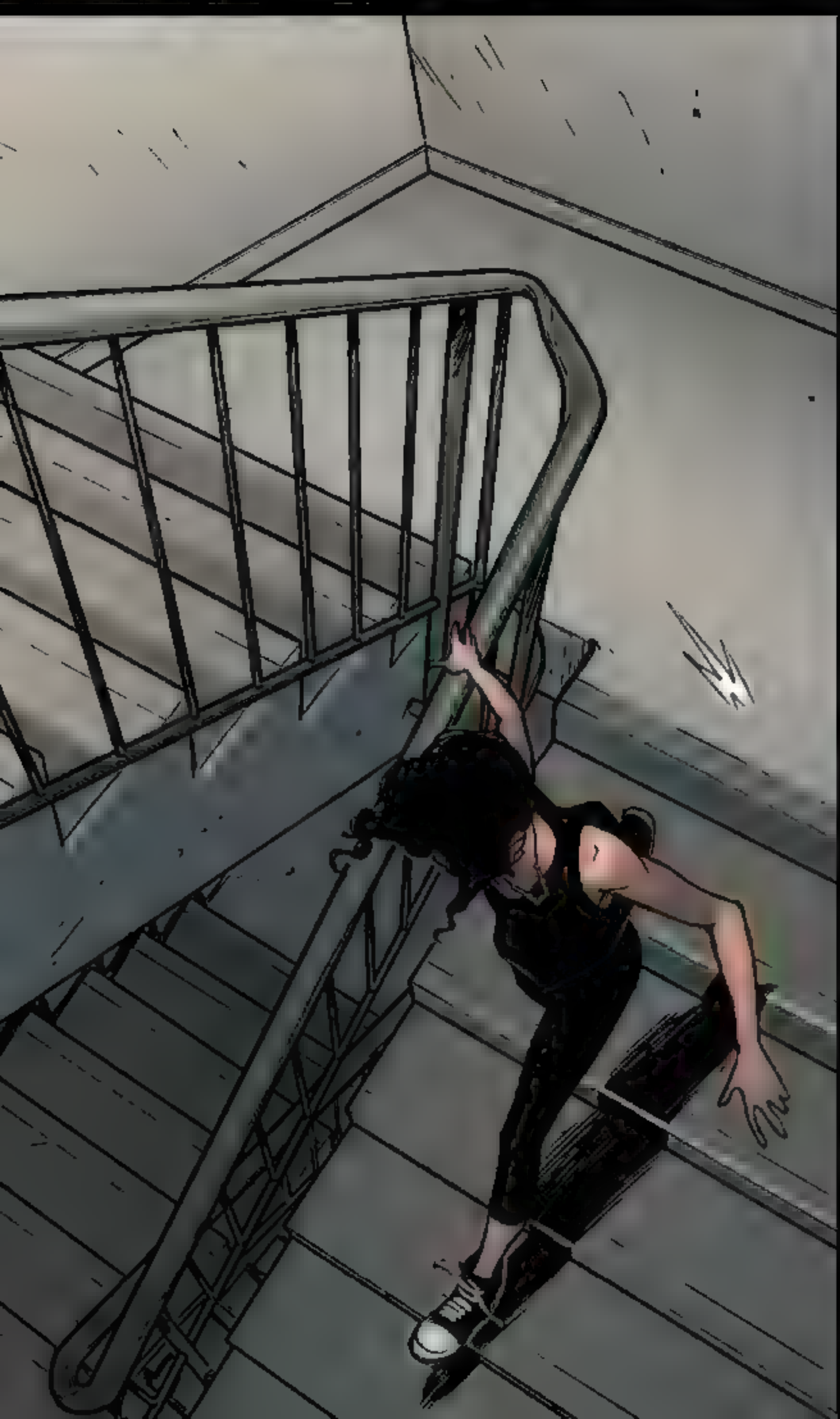






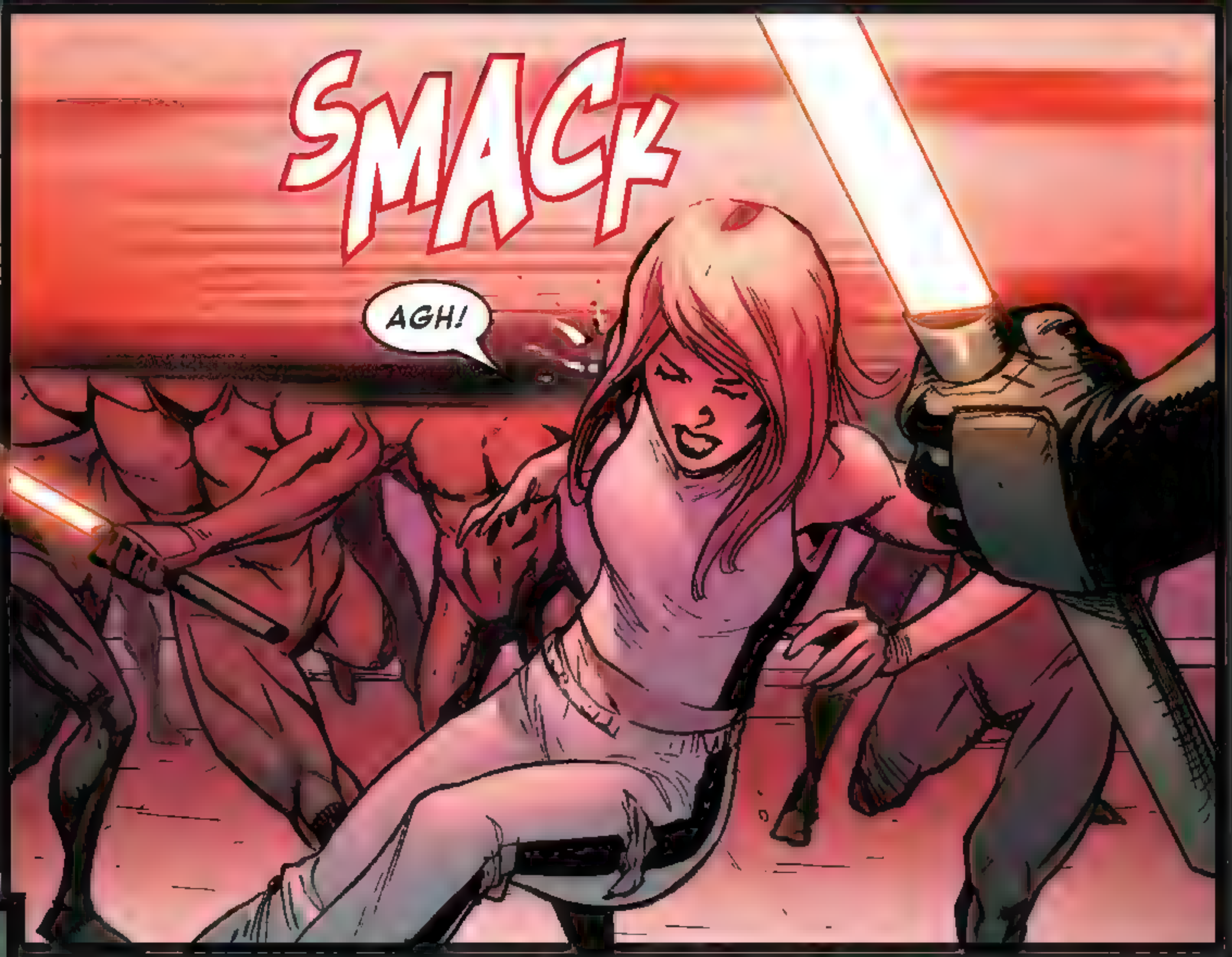






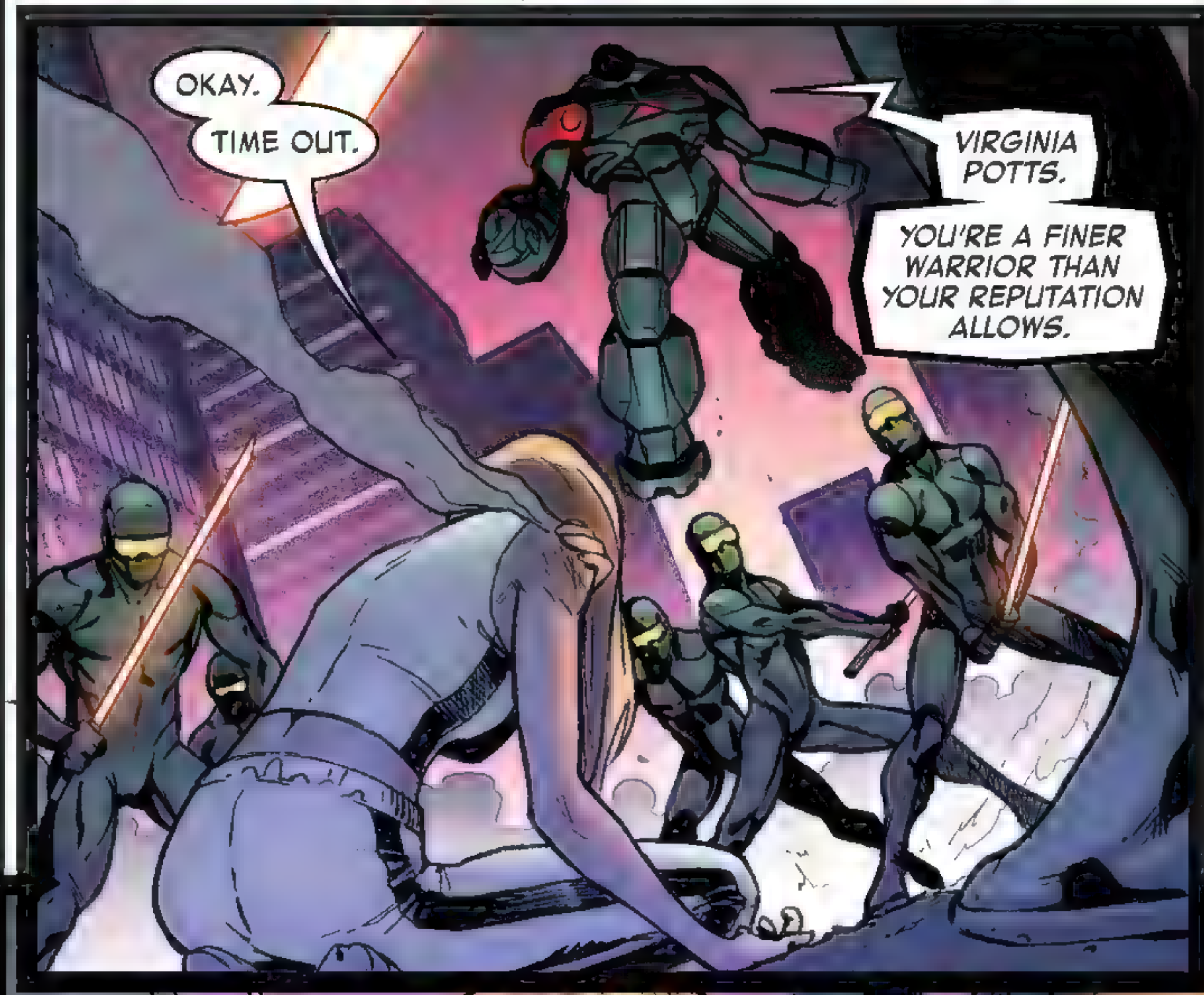


MAKE ROOM.



3
FLOOR

HI.
HEY.
HI.
CAN I BORROW THAT?



OKAY.
TIME OUT.

VIRGINIA POTTS.
YOU'RE A FINER WARRIOR THAN YOUR REPUTATION ALLOWS.



WHAT?
YOUR LAPTOP.
DO I KNOW YOU?
NO.
DO YOU LIVE HERE?
BUT IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT.

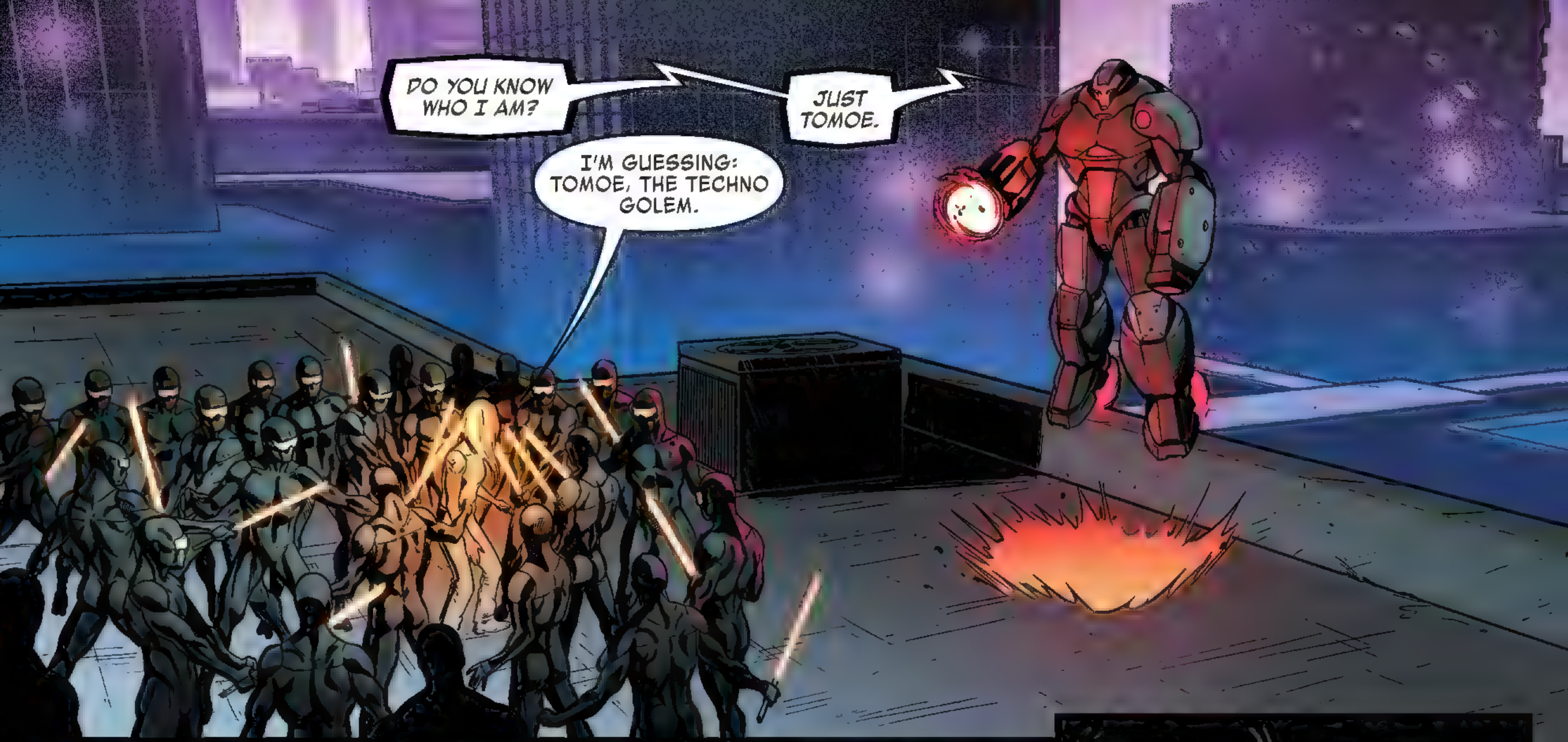


TELL US ABOUT YOUR NEW PROTEGE.

OH, HER?
I JUST MET HER. HONEST TO GOD.



I WORK NEAR HERE.
JUST-- IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT.
HI.
THANK YOU.



DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?

JUST TOMOE.

I'M GUESSING: TOMOE, THE TECHNO GOLEM.

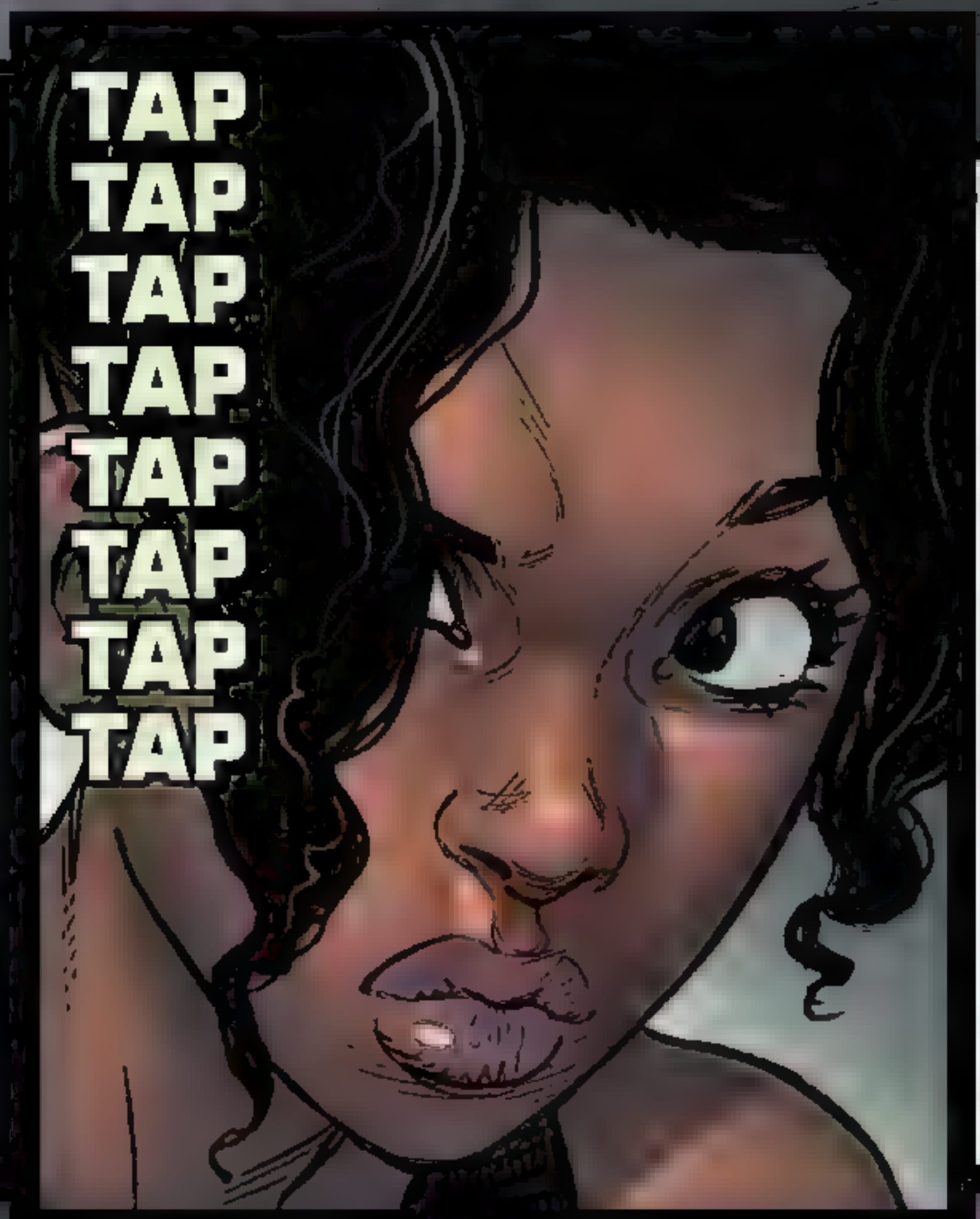


HEY, UH, DON'T LOOK AT MY BROWSER HISTORY.

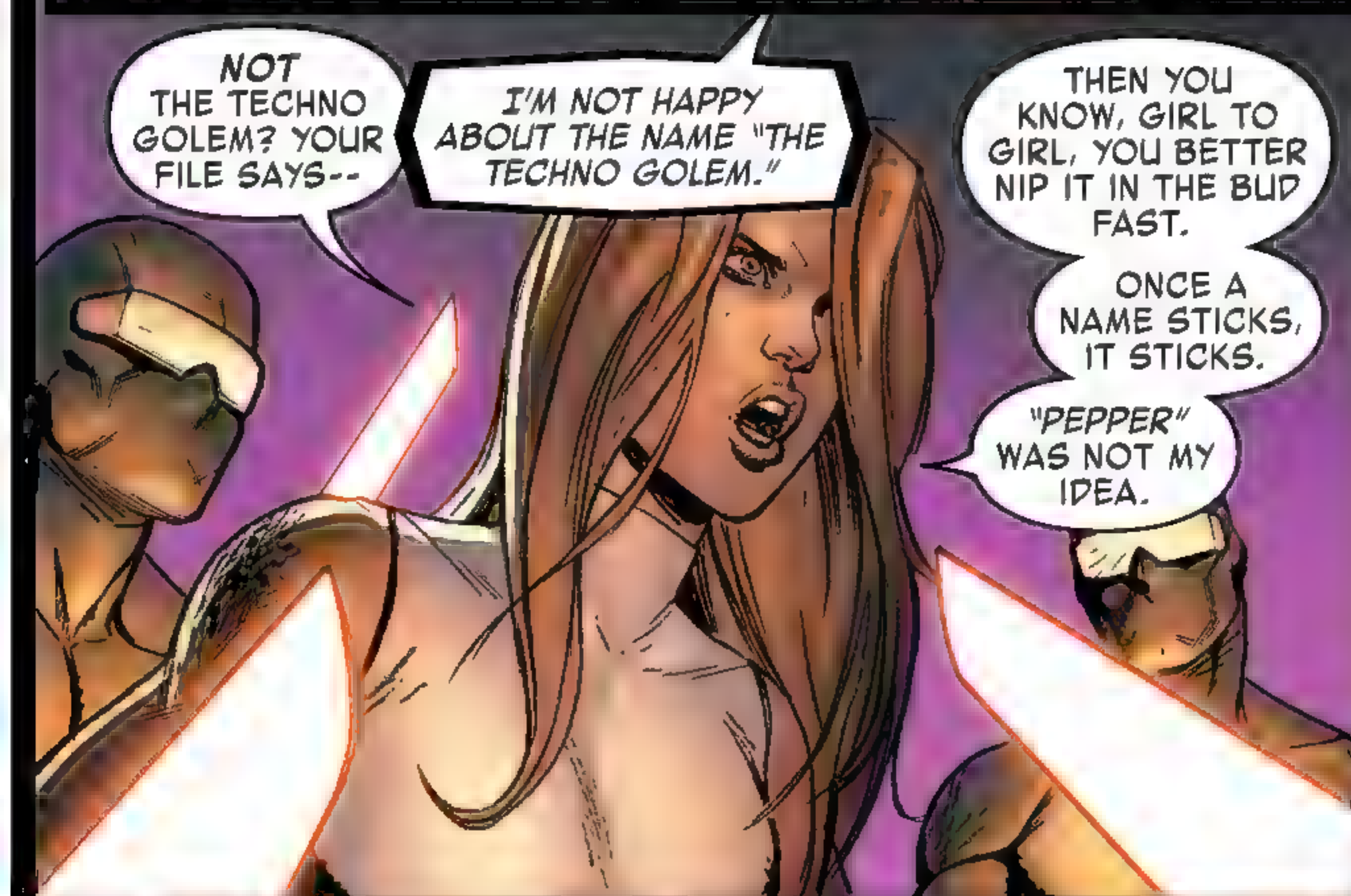
SOMETIMES MY BROTHER...

...USES IT...

TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP



TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP
TAP



NOT THE TECHNO GOLEM? YOUR FILE SAYS--

I'M NOT HAPPY ABOUT THE NAME "THE TECHNO GOLEM."

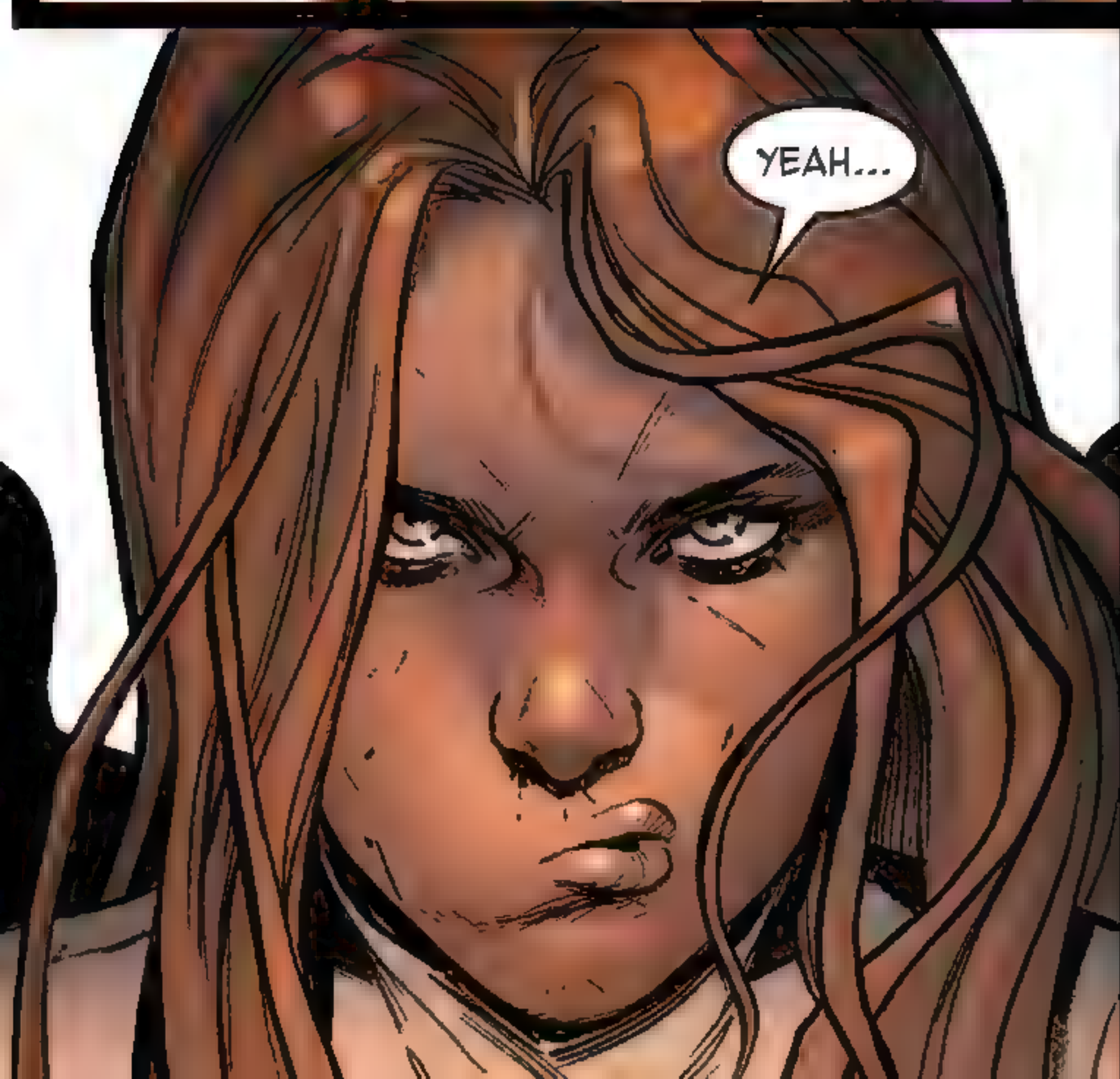
THEN YOU KNOW, GIRL TO GIRL, YOU BETTER NIP IT IN THE BUD FAST.

ONCE A NAME STICKS, IT STICKS.

"PEPPER" WAS NOT MY IDEA.



BUT YOU KNOW WHO WE ARE AND WHAT WE HAVE DONE.



YEAH...



HOW ARE YOU DOING THAT?

A BETTER QUESTION IS: HOW DO YOU LIVE?

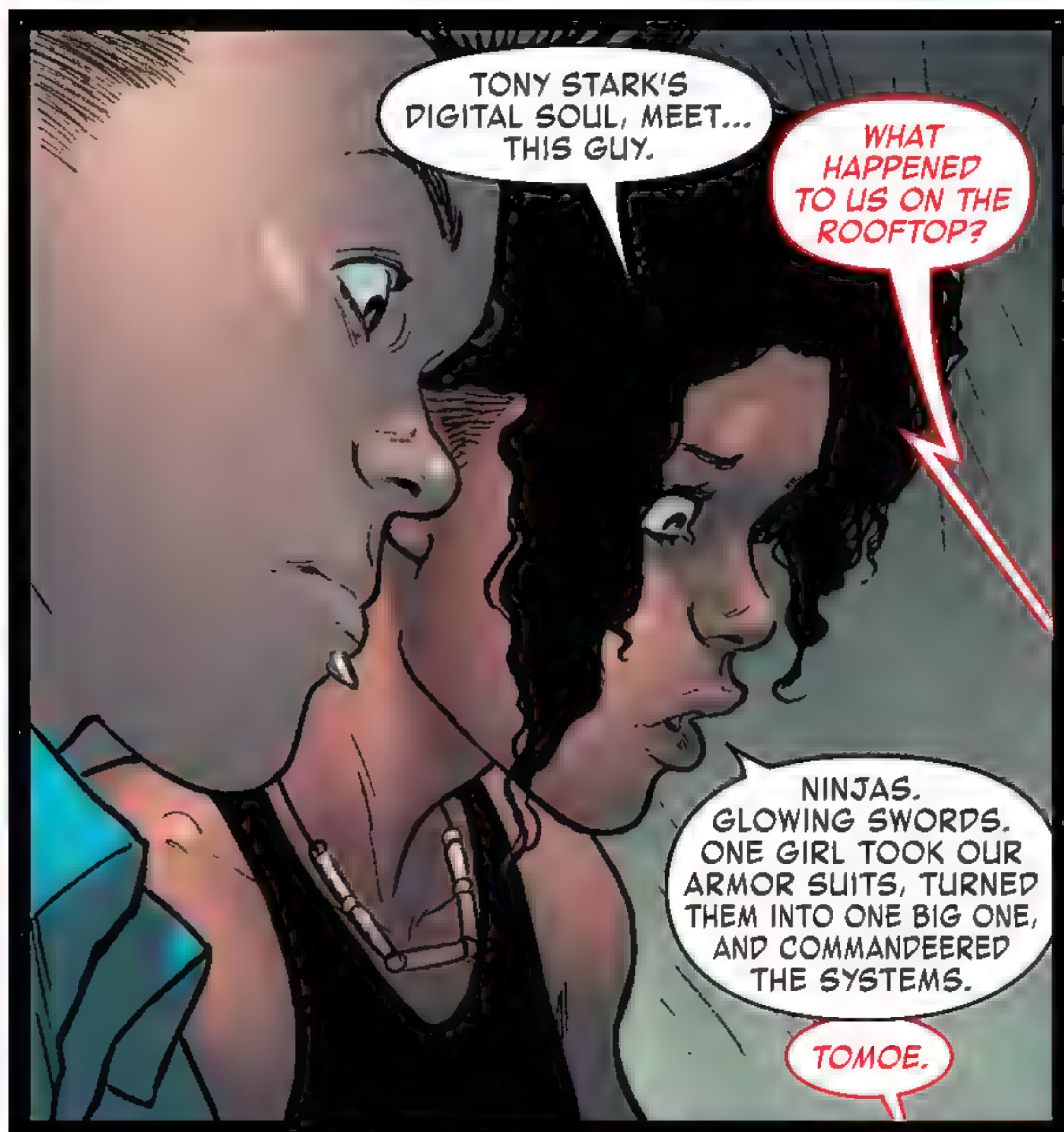
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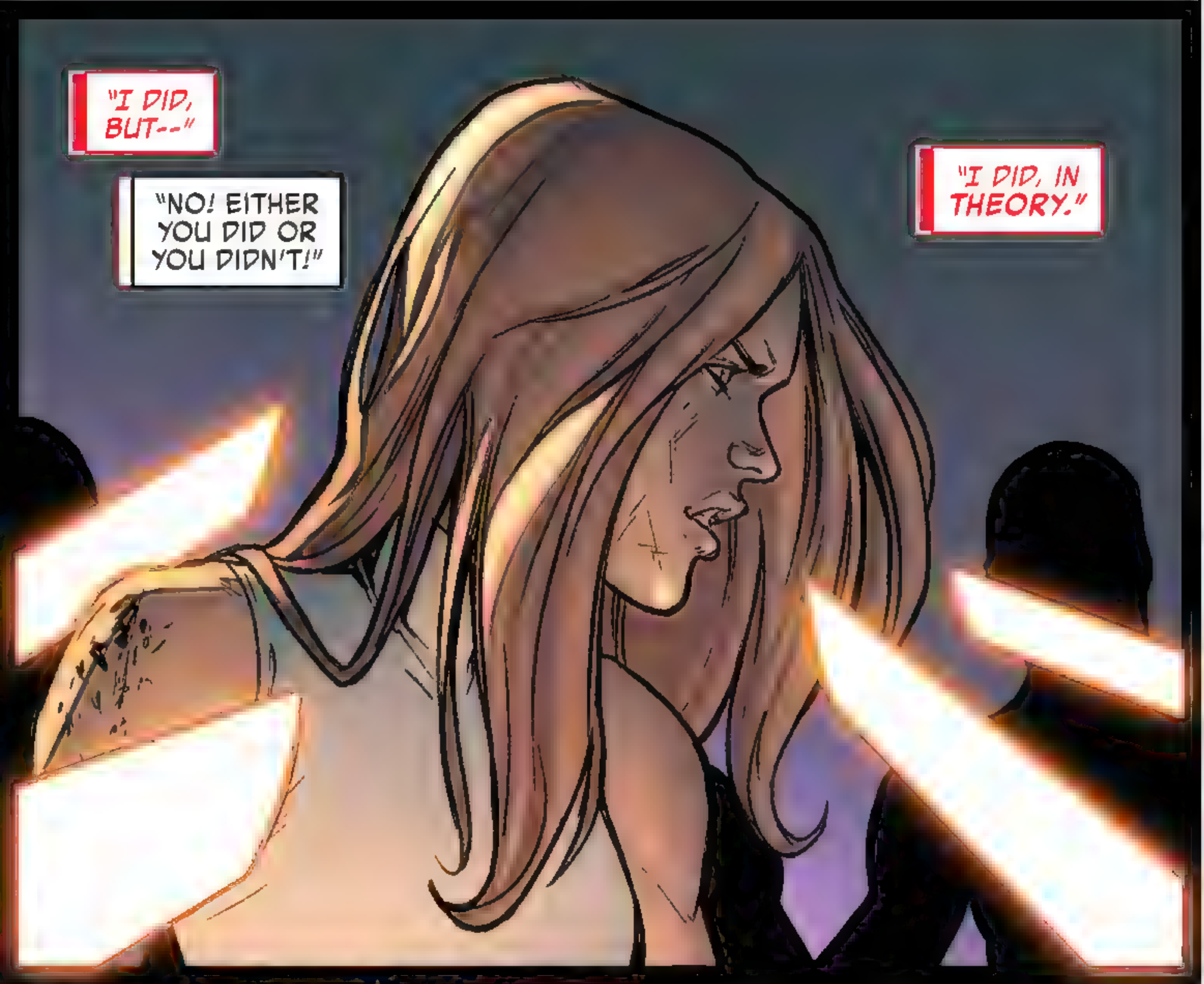
THIS IS A DEATH TRAP OF A COMPUTER.

I'VE BEEN TO BAKERIES WITH FEWER COOKIES.

UM--

WHAT. THE. HELL.





"I DID, BUT--"

"NO! EITHER YOU DID OR YOU DIDN'T!"

"I DID, IN THEORY."



I'M ON IT.

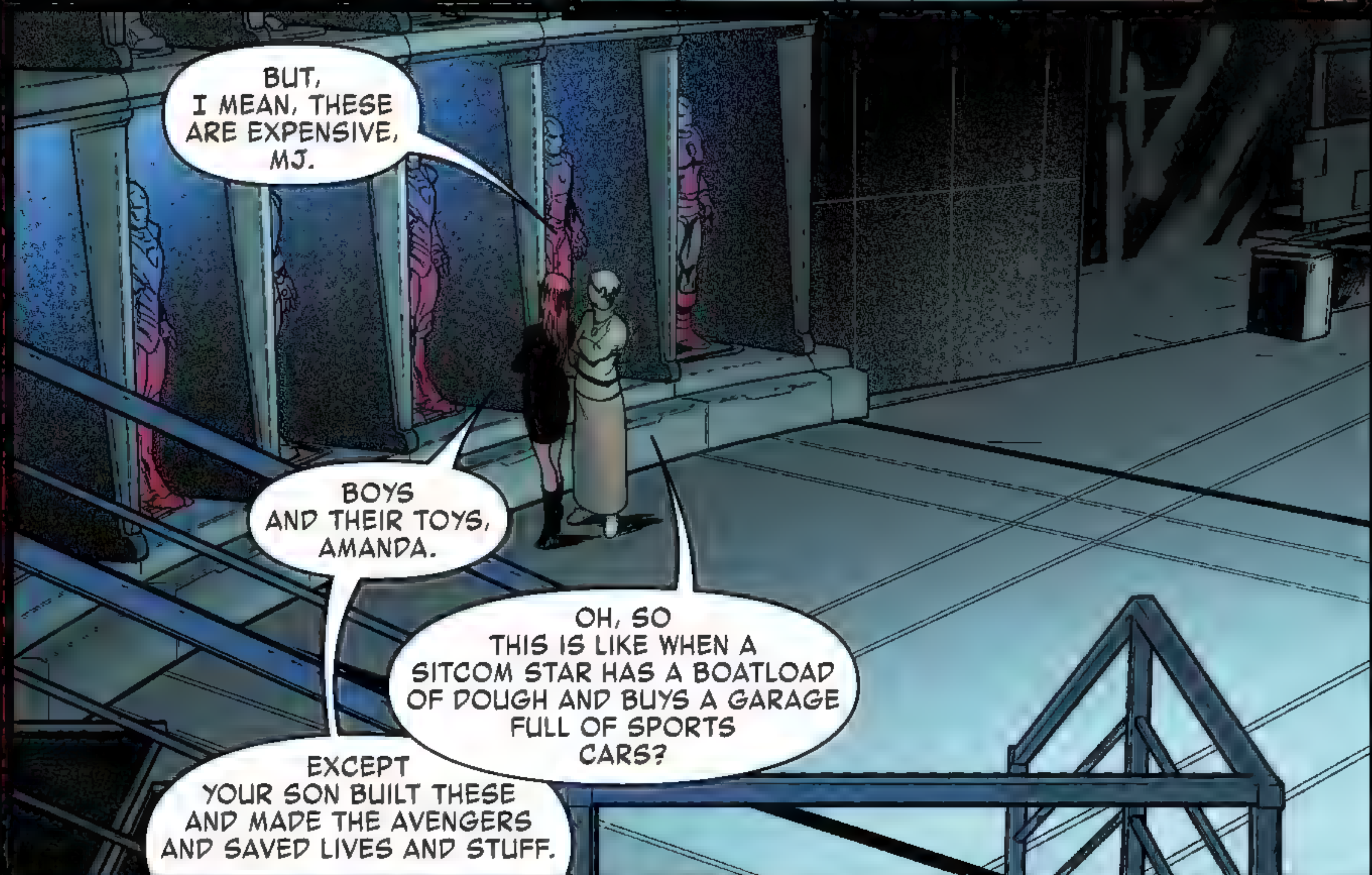
I NEED A-- HEY, CAN YOU GET ME A SUIT?



STARK HQ.
STARK (STRK) SHARES ARE EVEN WITH THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF A BOARD SHAKE-UP AND THE INSTALLATION OF AMANDA STRONG.

SO, THIS IS A LOT OF ARMOR.

IT'S HIS THING. WAS HIS THING. SORRY.



BUT, I MEAN, THESE ARE EXPENSIVE, MJ.

BOYS AND THEIR TOYS, AMANDA.

OH, SO THIS IS LIKE WHEN A SITCOM STAR HAS A BOATLOAD OF DOUGH AND BUYS A GARAGE FULL OF SPORTS CARS?

EXCEPT YOUR SON BUILT THESE AND MADE THE AVENGERS AND SAVED LIVES AND STUFF.



WHICH ONE DO YOU WANT?

THE FASTEST ONE.



SO YOU'RE CATALOGUING THEM?

INVENTORY.



LADIES.

OH, MY GOD!

DON'T FREAK OUT.

I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.

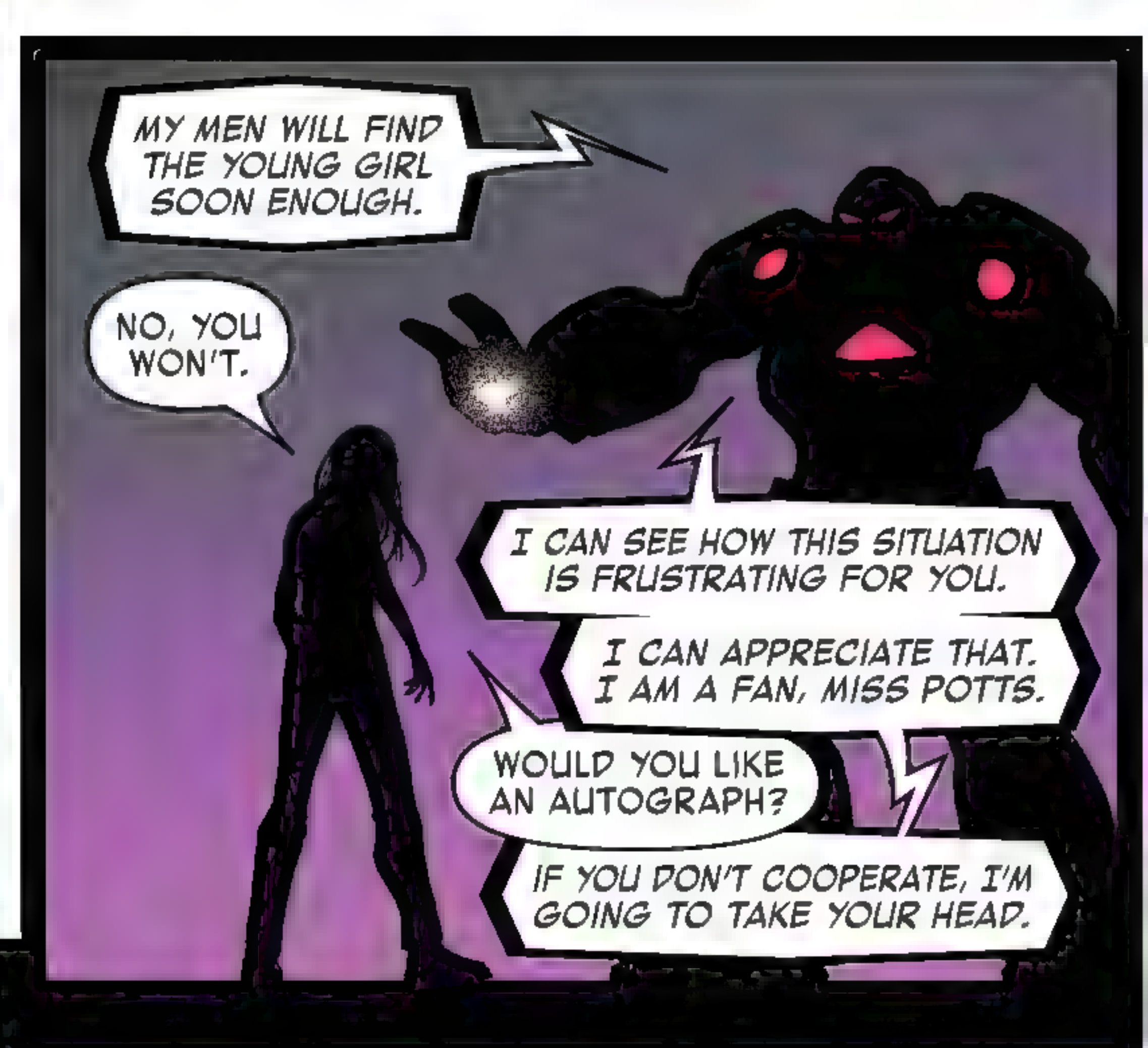


WAS THERE ANYONE ACTUALLY IN THAT ARMOR?

NOT THAT I'M AWARE OF.

BLOODY HELL.

YEAH.



MY MEN WILL FIND THE YOUNG GIRL SOON ENOUGH.

NO, YOU WON'T.

I CAN SEE HOW THIS SITUATION IS FRUSTRATING FOR YOU.

I CAN APPRECIATE THAT. I AM A FAN, MISS POTTS.

WOULD YOU LIKE AN AUTOGRAPH?

IF YOU DON'T COOPERATE, I'M GOING TO TAKE YOUR HEAD.

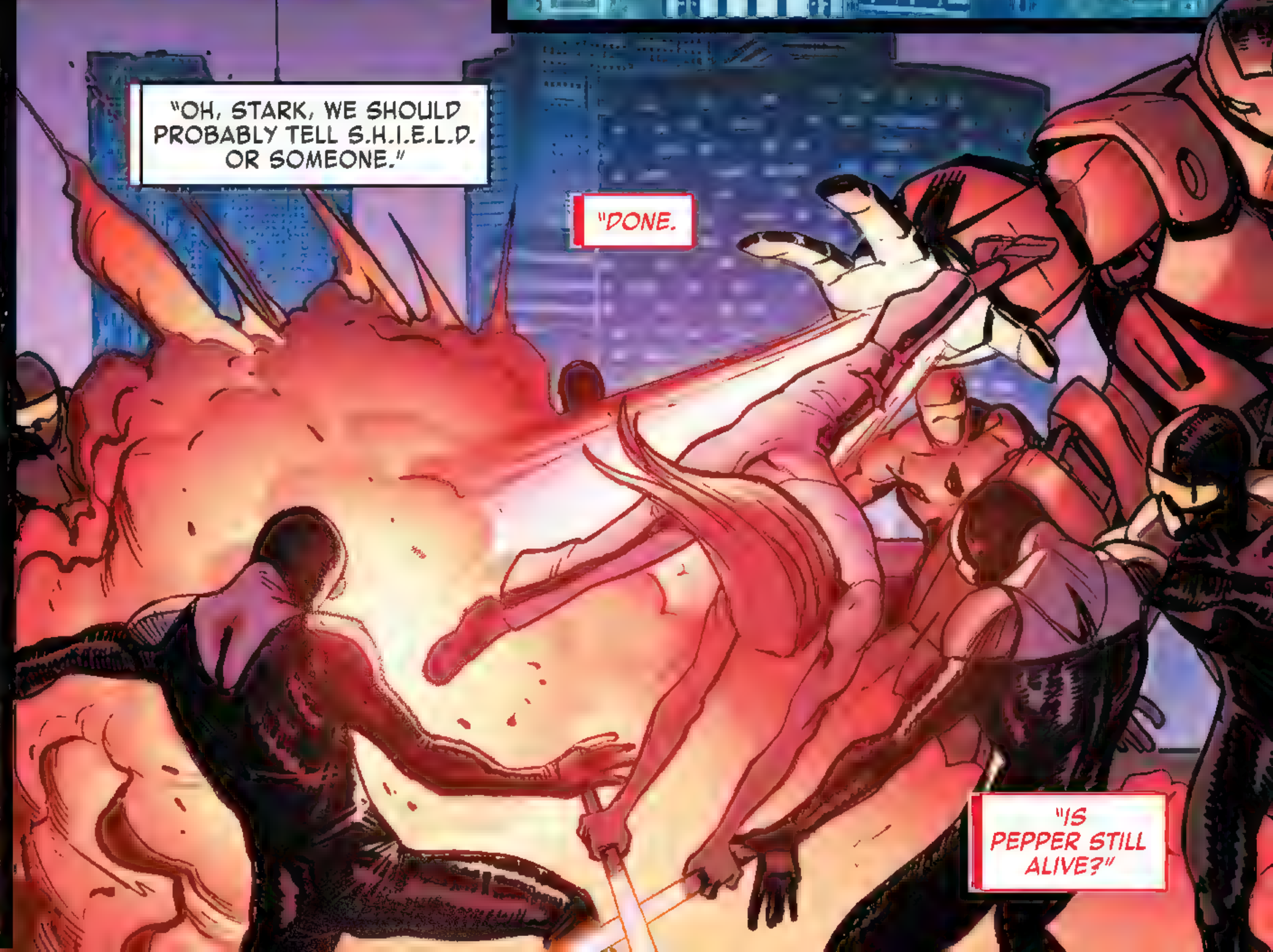


IS THIS LIKE A SCAVENGER HUNT?

SSSHH!

IS THIS REALLY HAPPENING?

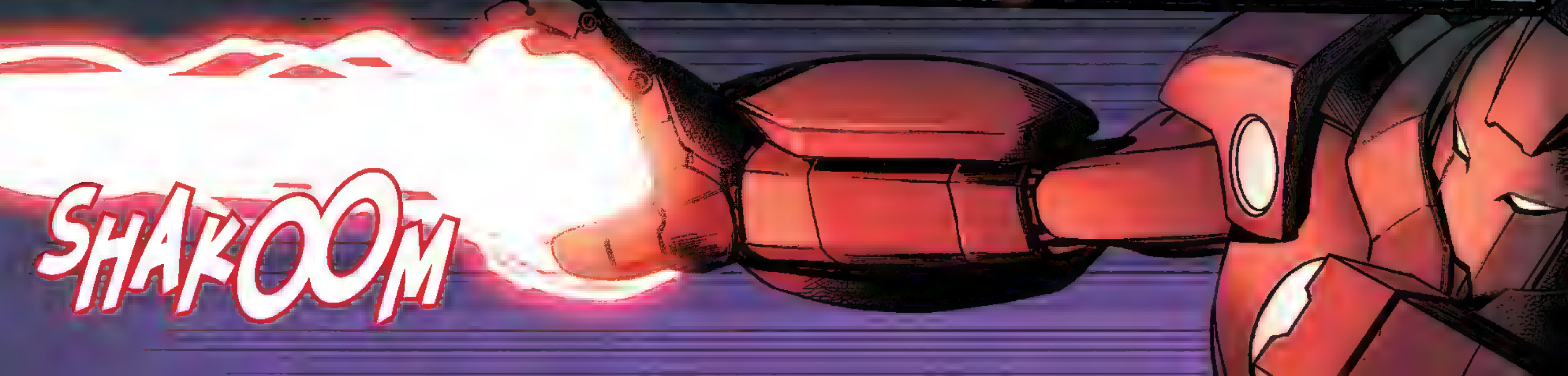
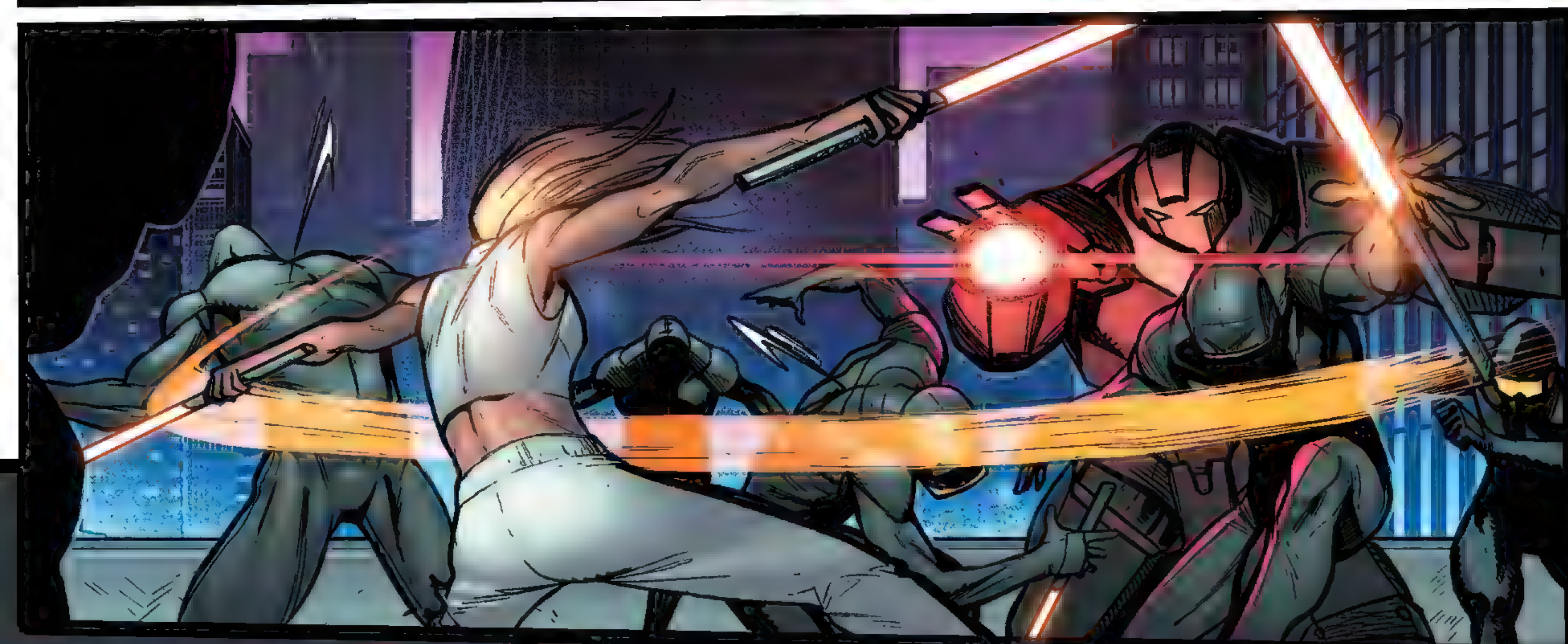
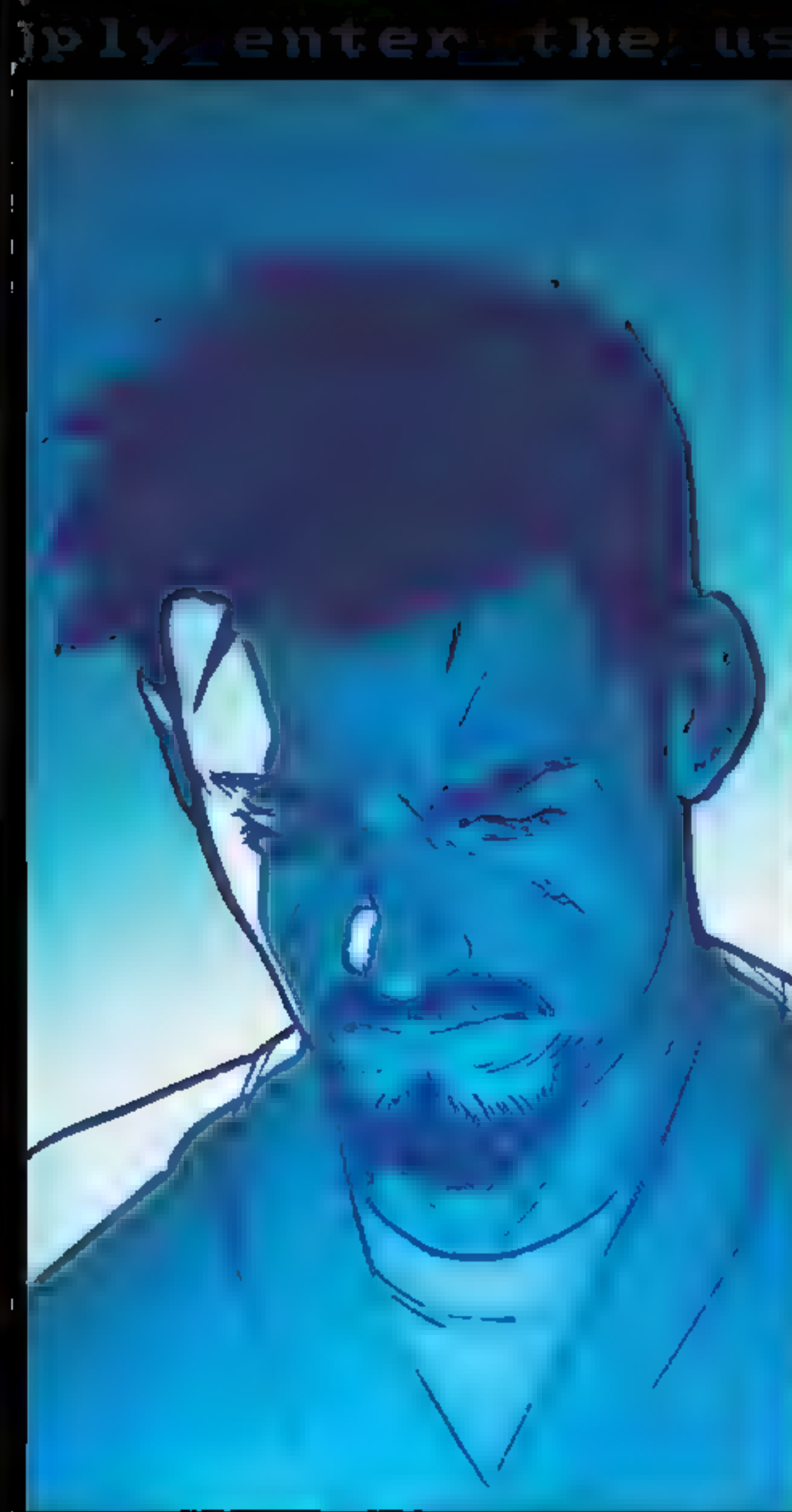
HAND ME THE FIRE EXTINGUISHER OFF THE WALL.

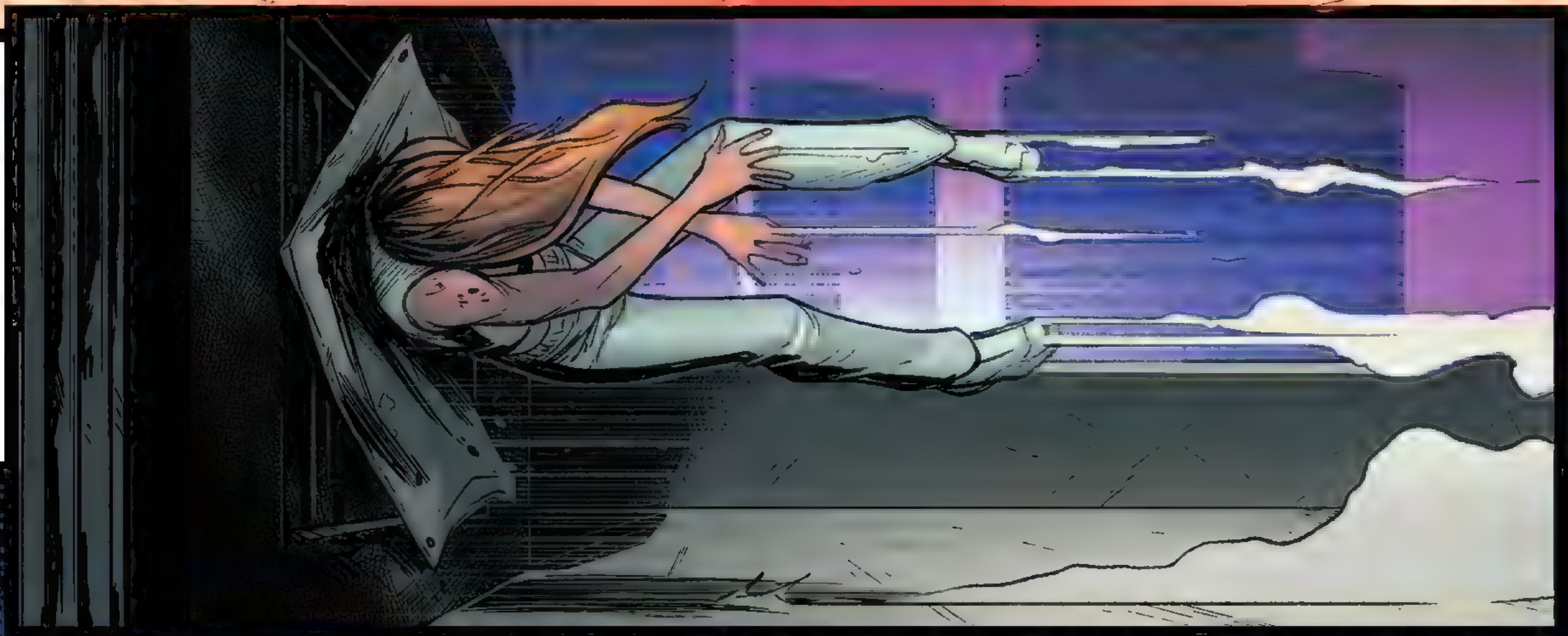
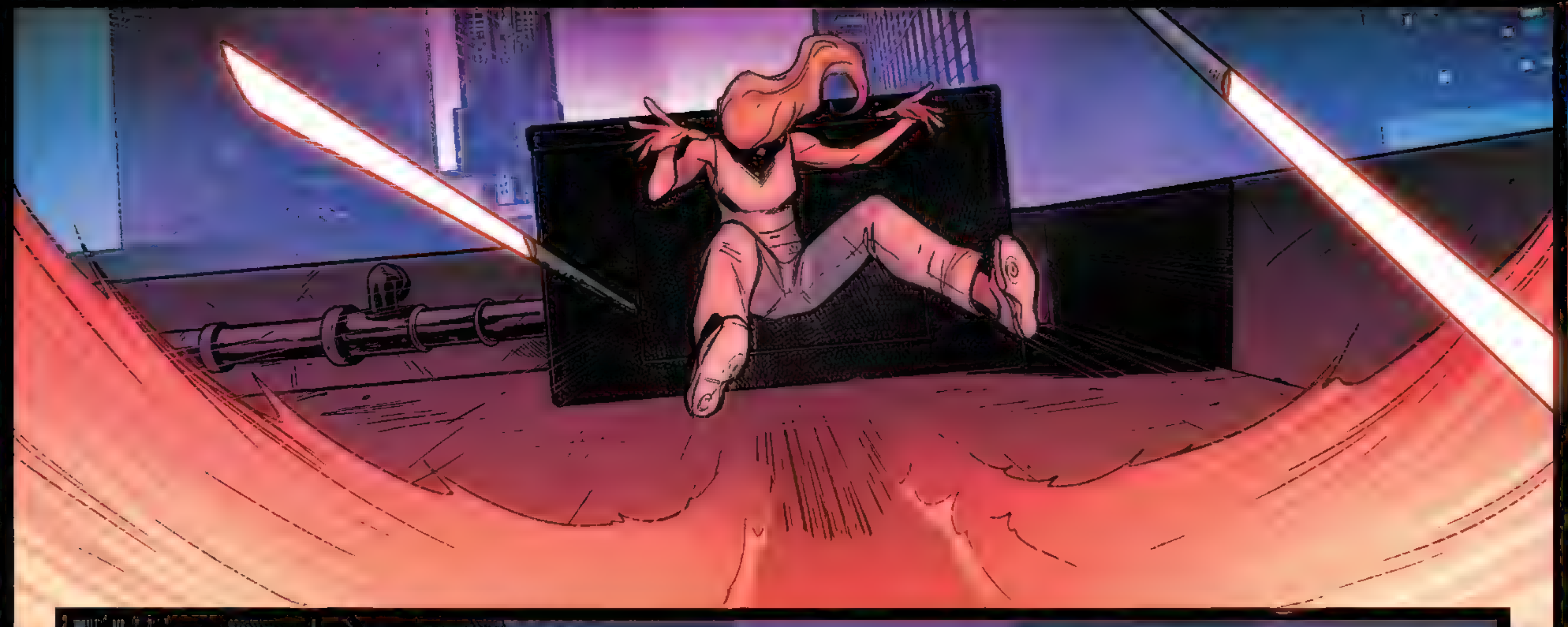


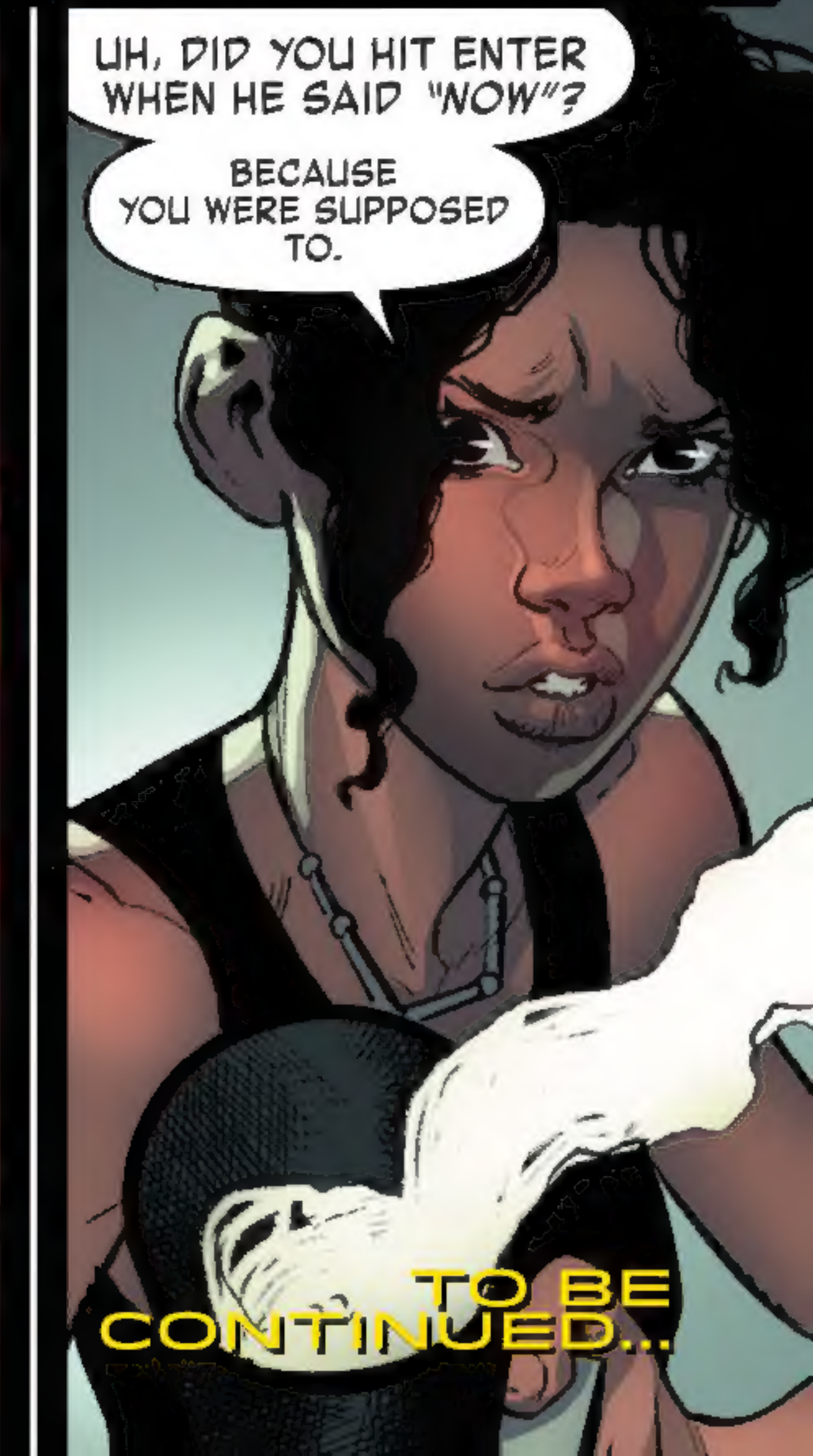
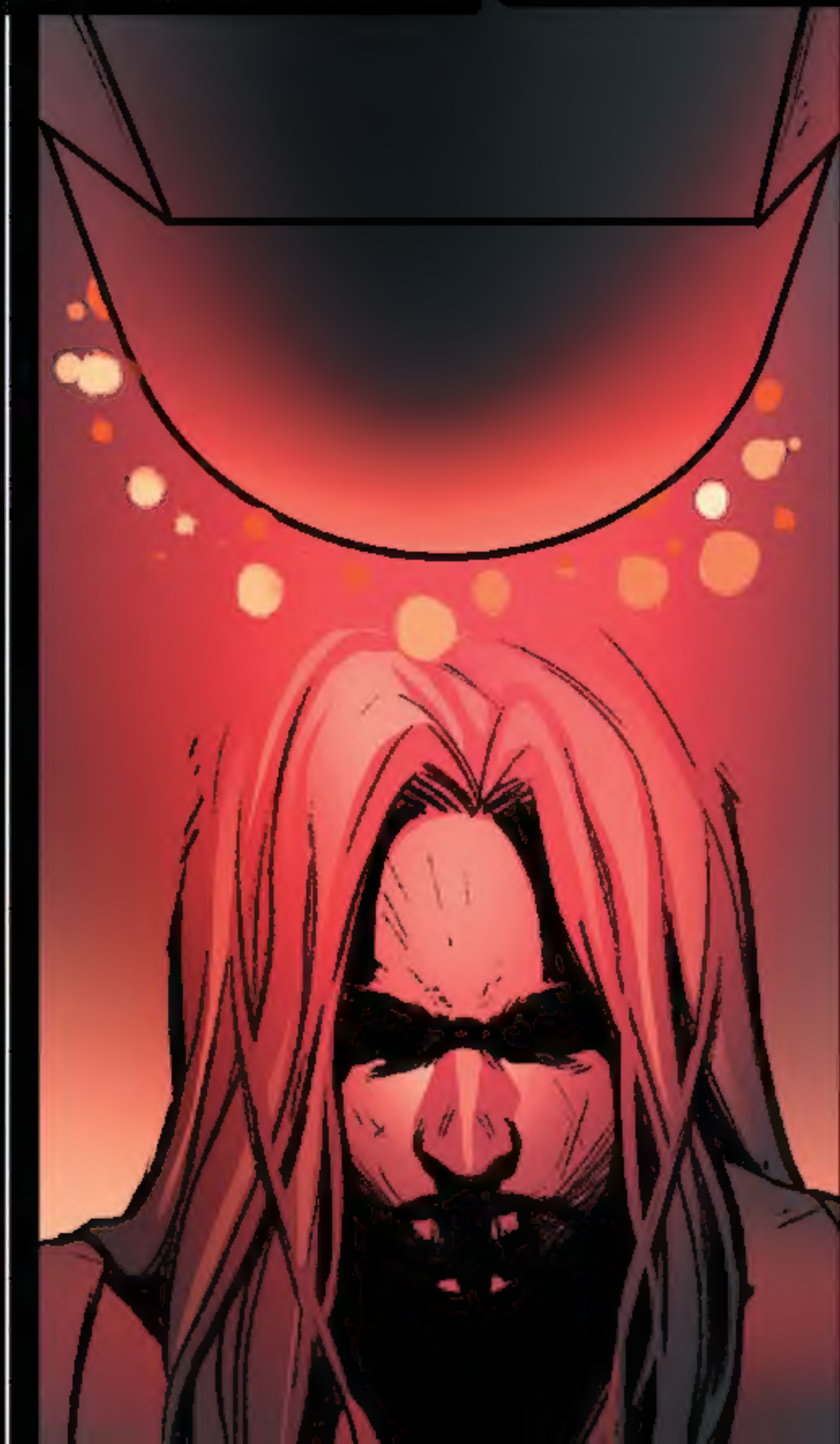
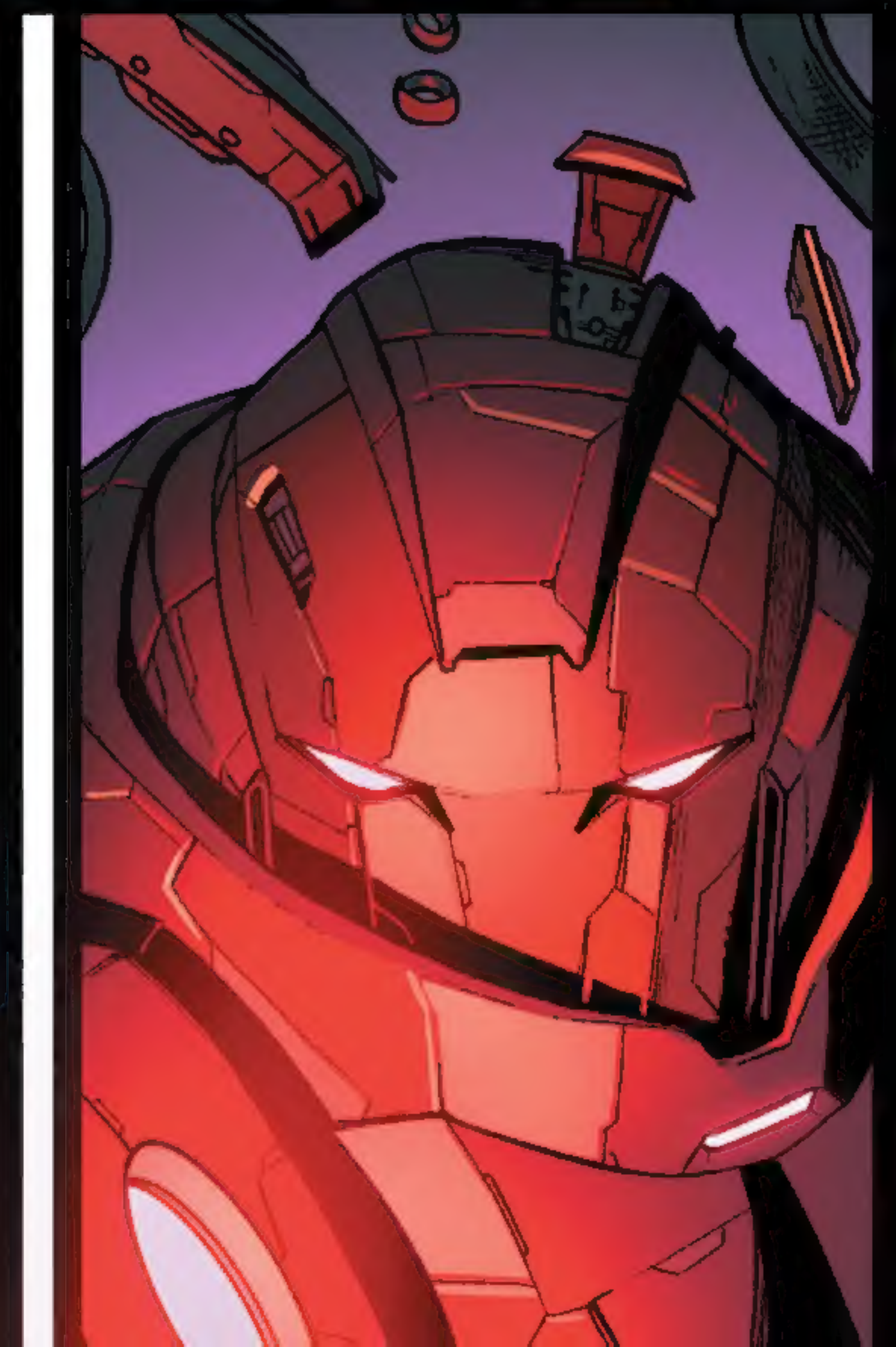
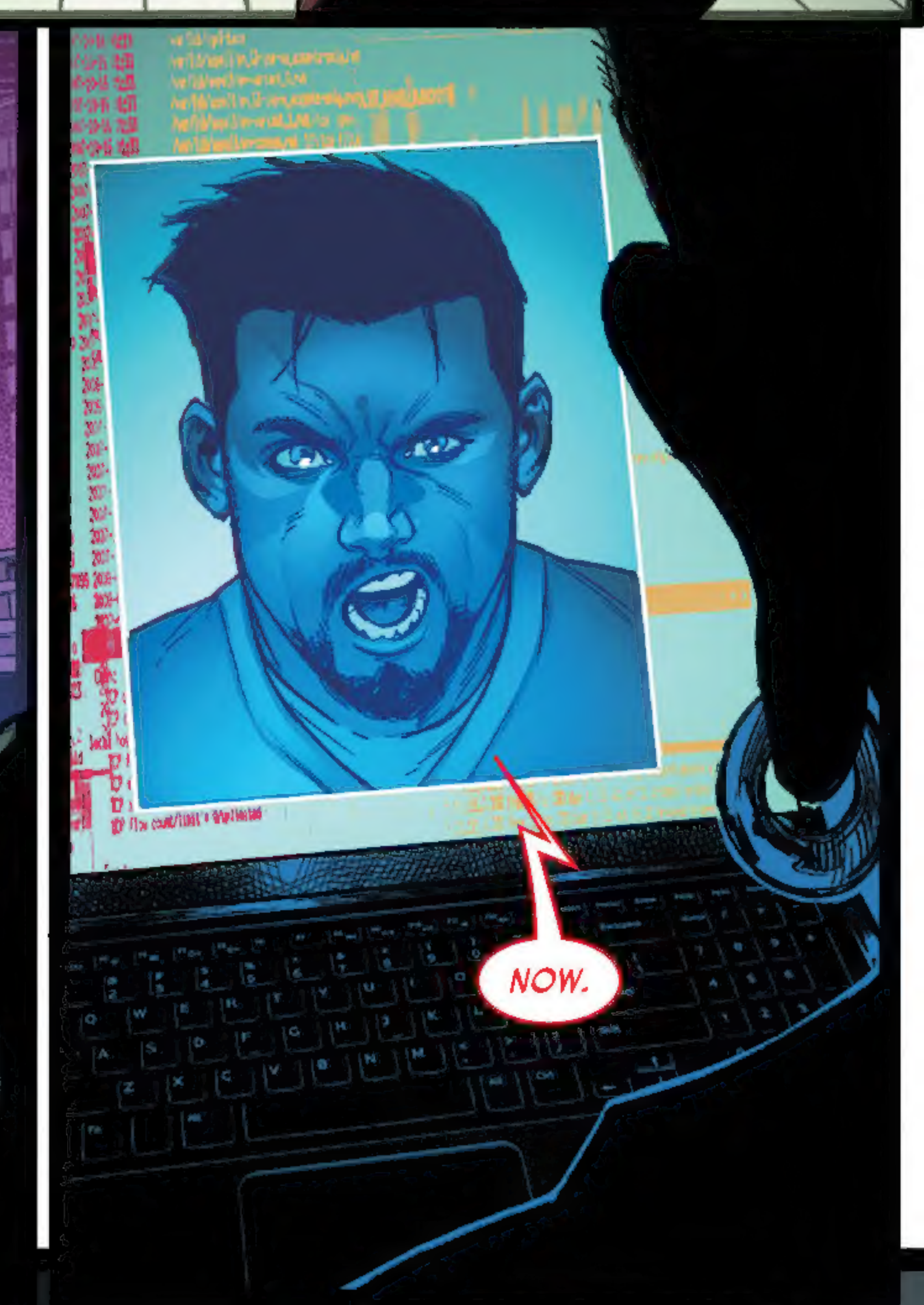
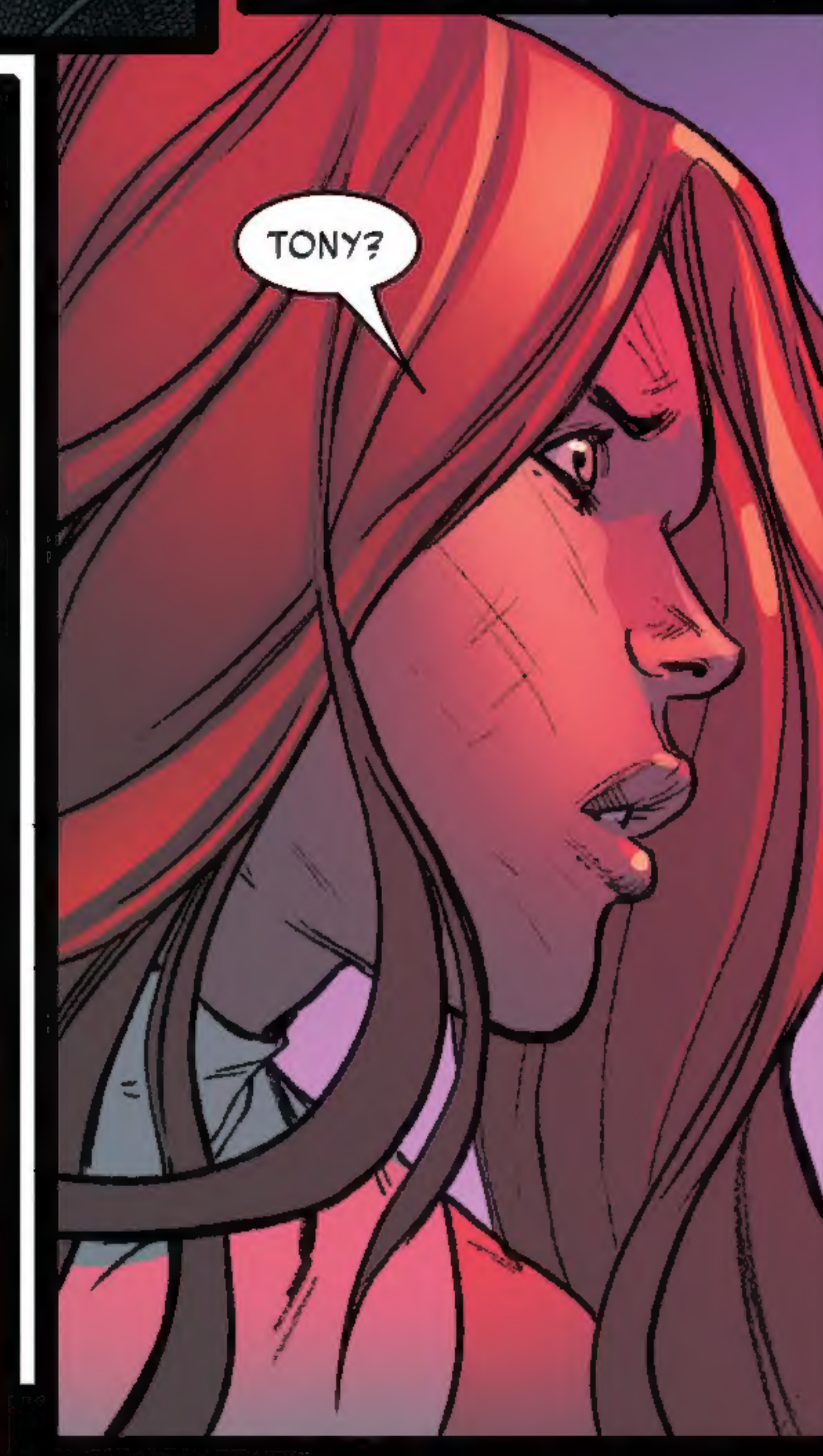
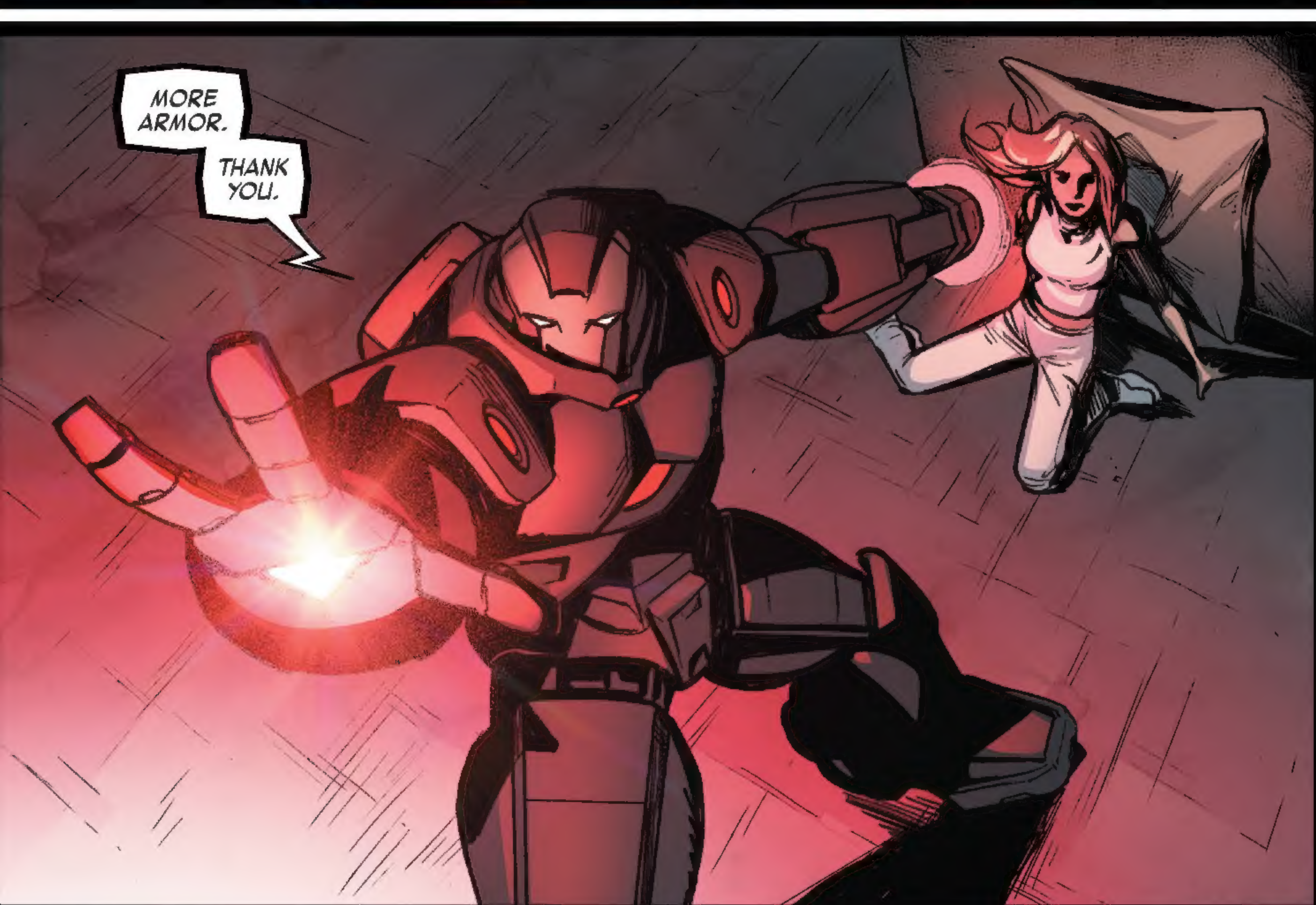
"OH, STARK, WE SHOULD PROBABLY TELL S.H.I.E.L.D. OR SOMEONE."

"DONE."

"IS PEPPER STILL ALIVE?"







SOCK IT TO SHELL-HEAD!

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Welcome back, Shell-Heads--Assistant Editor Alanna Smith here! Did you miss me? I missed you! We've got a boatload of letters this time around, so I'm just going to jump right in!

Just read INVINCIBLE IRON MAN #1. Loved the first issue. After the first few pages I was hooked on the story. Great job on the first issue and can't wait to read further issues with Riri. Been a comic book reader for a long time and this story so far is two thumbs up.

Shane Detert

Thanks, Shane! We love Riri too and hope we get to tell a lot of stories with her!

Hi Alanna,

This is my wife Marjorie's first draft of her Ironheart cosplay from last April's Romics.



Still working on it, but not bad as a start.

Marco & Marj

FINALLY! A cosplay picture! Marjorie looks AWESOME, and I hope you send us a pic of her second draft when she gets to it! (And people, seriously, send me cosplay pics! I know you're out there, I saw, like, five of you at NYCC this year!)

Move over, Mr. Stark, Riri is my Iron Man! (All right, Ironheart!) I admit, I was not sure what to expect when I picked up #1, but I instantly connected with Riri. It was heartbreaking seeing her past unfold over the first two issues, and a joy to discover more about her in the now. I love how passionate she is about her work, and I get the feeling we share

super hero ethics. I think the thing that I relate to most though is her social awkwardness! Yay for us introverts!

I cannot wait to read Riri's future adventures. Welcome to the Marvel Universe Riri Williams! Hope you survive the experience!

Gavin Perkins

Glad you're liking Riri, Gavin! It's hard not to relate to her when Stefano draws her as such a personality. :)

Hi Alanna,

INVINCIBLE IRON MAN #2 was great--seeing Riri in action pushed up the excitement. Pitching her against Tomoe is pretty tense--can't wait to see Riri and A.I. Tony beat some bad guys. I also can't wait to see her in the Ironheart suit. Please, don't kill Tony.

From an #Ironaddicted fan,

Jesse Miracle
Nigeria, West Africa

We've now revealed Tony's fate in CIVIL WAR II #8--be sure to check it out! (Here's a hint: We didn't quite kill him!)

I'm a Chicagoan, and reading the first two issues touched home. I lost an 11-year-old niece to unnecessary violence, so I'm rooting for Riri to win and overcome. I've read criticism over the violence, but violence and the lack of responsibility is what created Spider-Man. Keep adding layers to this wonderful new character. I guess we will see what she is made of even more as time moves forward. I love this book from front to back. The art is awesome as well, and the inks and the colors, and I don't even have to mention the great writing. I understand that Riri idealizes Iron Man, but I would love for her armor to eventually reflect her and being of the mindset of the "that was then and this is now" generation. I have two questions: What is the character Prodigy doing? Would be nice to see them interact once in a while. And what is Riri's real name? Because I know a lot of females named Riri and it's always short for something else.

Thanks for reading,
Oscar Martin

Hey, Oscar--so sorry to hear about your loss, and I hope this book brings you some small comfort.

To answer your questions, there are no current plans for Prodigy, and all we've revealed about Riri's real name so far is that it's based on her father's

name. Riri's still wearing the red-and-gold because of the impact Tony made on her, but in the future, who knows? She's still evolving as a character and a hero, and her armor may evolve with her!

Dear Shell-Heads,

I'm sure you have many upset "fans" because they fear change. All fans are not afraid of change. I love change. Characters should go and life should progress. I'm a 30-year-old man and I think Riri is amazing. I personally love what Marvel is doing with the younger characters right now. I'm sure Tony will come back, but I hope that everything does not go back to the status quo with the same redundant stories. True fans love the characters enough to let them evolve. I just ask for good writing and good stories and right now I am getting both.

Thank you,
Larry Ware

Thank YOU, Larry! Shaking up the status quo like this is always risky, and it's always awesome to hear from fans that stick with us through big transitions like this. You're a big part of the reason we can tell stories like Riri's!

Loving Riri--I complain a lot, but this girl is awesome. It's nice that she has her own name already and Ironheart seems to fit nicely. Here it is, my one gripe: change the color scheme. Maybe I'm just a guy, but I'd love to see some pink on that armor. It would look killer with some silver or white. First I thought blue, but that's too similar to Iron Patriot, and there's another guy with green and purple. Let's put a new paint job on that hot rod at least by the time she has her own book. I mean, after Tony gets back in the game.

Thanks!
Alan Brown

A certain beloved video game has turned me off COMPLETELY to pink armor, but as I told Oscar, a color change isn't out of the question as Riri comes into her own!

And that's all we've got time for this month! Keep sending in your letters! I'll be here, assuming the post-vacation blues don't eat me alive. Until next time!

-The Invincible Alanna Smith

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TECHNO GOLEM TAKEDOWN

